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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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FOURTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the First Reformed Church, corner of Elm and Fifteenth Streets, in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh of November, at eight o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and closed its sessions on Thursday, the fifth of December, at eleven o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened, agreeably to appointment, and, in the absence of the President,* the first Vice-President called the Synod to order, and constituted it with singing and prayer; and, by order of Synod, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. John H. Klein, from Acts xv. 1-6 inclusive: "*And certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye can not be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem, unto the apostles and elders, about this question,*" etc.

*The President, Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., having been unavoidably detained by railroad accident, appeared at the close of the opening sermon, and took the chair, when Synod adjourned until Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The Synod proceeded to make out the roll of delegates, and there were the following present :

FROM THE DISTRICT SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>East Pennsylvania.</i>	Nero S. Strassburger. Samuel A. Leinbach. Alfred J. G. Dubbs. Isaac K. Loos.	Aaron G. Reninger. Owen L. Schreiber. George Hagenbuch. G. H. Stem. John K. Dech.
<i>Lebanon.</i>	Benjamin Bausman, D. D. Isaac E. Graeff. ¹ Jonathan E. Hiester. Daniel B. Albright. George Wolff. ²	James T. Reber. William D. Rauch. Samuel Withers.
<i>Zion's.</i>	Aaron Spangler. Aaron Wanner. Jacob O. Miller, D. D. John S. Foulk.	Jerome Beaver. S. R. Weaver. William Shull. John Wiest.
<i>Maryland.</i>	J. Spangler Kieffer. William Goodrich. Edmund R. Eschbach. Marcus Bachman. Frederick A. Rupley.	David C. Hammond. John Rodenmayer. George Harbaugh. Henry Kefauver.
<i>Philadelphia.</i>	J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Edwin H. Nevin, D. D. David E. Klopp. Gotthold Neeff. Jacob Dahlman, Jr. ³ William Sorber.	Jacob Force. John Wiest. William Brownback. Jacob Smith. William L. Graver. ⁴ Thomas Ingram, M.D.

¹ Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the last day of the sessions.

² Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach, delegate *primarius*, on the morning of the fourth day (Saturday) of the sessions, superseded the *secundus*, Rev. George Wolff, who succeeded Rev. I. E. Graeff on the morning of the last day of the sessions.

³ He was superseded on the sixth day (Monday) of the sessions by Rev. Maxwell S. Rowland, *primarius*.

⁴ His seat was occupied from the forenoon of the eighth day of the sessions, until the final adjournment, by Elder J. David Miller, *secundus*.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Virginia.</i>	George H. Martin. Stephen K. Kremer.	William H. Bargelt.
<i>N. Carolina.</i>	Jacob C. Clapp. George W. Welker, D. D.	Sidney M. Finger.
<i>Mercersburg.</i>	John A. Peters. Peter S. Davis. Eluathan E. Higbee, D. D. Adam C. Whitmer. William M. Deatruck.	Jacob Heyser. George H. Mengel. Isaac M. Neff. Joshua L. Reifsnnyder.
<i>Goshenhop- pen.</i>	Tilghman O. Stem. Geo. W. Aughinbaugh. Lawrence D. Leberman. Lucian J. Mayer.	David B. Mauger. Henry Weisel. P. B. Lerch. David Appenzeller.
<i>New York.</i>	A. Lepp.	
<i>Lancaster.</i>	Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D. Thomas G. Apple, D. D. Wm. H. H. Snyder. Frederick Pilgram. Calvin U. Heilman.	Daniel W. Gross. William M. Nevin. Edward J. Zahm. William H. Seibert. Henry Rupp.
<i>East Susque- hanna.</i>	John W. Steinmetz. Calvin S. Gerhard. Henry Mosser.	Simon Lantz.
<i>West Susque- hanna.</i>	Daniel M. Wolf. John K. Millet. William H. Groh.	John Hoffer. Joseph Frederick. Henry Witmer.

FROM THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

<i>Miami.</i>	David Van Horne. ¹ Isaac H. Reiter. David Winters, D. D. Samuel Mease. ² Jesse Richards. ³ George Z. Mechling.	Benjamin Kuhns. Moses Marquis. James Swander. Daniel W. Nieble. ⁴ John Haller. ⁵
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¹ His seat was occupied during the fourth and sixth days of the sessions by Rev. Wm. McCaughey, *secundus*.

² His seat was occupied during the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions by Rev. Oswald J. Accola, *secundus*; during the morning sessions of the seventh and ninth days of the sessions by Rev. Wm. McCaughey, *secundus*; and during the afternoon of the last day of the sessions by Rev. John Knelling, *secundus*.

³ His seat was occupied during the afternoon of the seventh day of the sessions by Rev. Wm. McCaughey, *secundus*; and from the afternoon of the last day of the sessions, until their close, by Rev. Oswald J. Accola, *secundus*.

⁴ He took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

⁵ He took his seat on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Lancaster.</i> (O.)	Charles W. Hoyman. ¹ Henry Williard. John C. Henneman.	George W. Tussing. Peter Bugh.
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	Sebastian C. Goss. Jesse Steiner. Nathaniel H. Loose. ²	Thomas W. Chapman. David Waltz. John Bolender.
<i>Tiffin.</i>	Jeremiah H. Good, D. D. George W. Williard, D. D. William H. Fenneman.	Philip Fry, Henry Bacher. Conrad Myers.
<i>St. John's.</i>	Herman Korthauer. Christopher Schiller. Peter Greding.	Conrad J. Geiger, M.D. Charles Kratz. Louis Zellner.
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	Henry Hilbish. George M. Albright.	Jacob Greenameier. Robert Bell.
<i>Illinois.</i>	Simon P. Myers. ³ Harvey Wilson. Chas. G. A. Hullhorst.	
<i>English Iowa.</i>	Cyrus Cort. Fred. C. Bauman.	Samuel Wildasin. Daniel Cort.
<i>German Iowa.</i>	Charles G. Ziph.	

FROM THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

<i>St. Joseph.</i>	Jesse Schlosser. Francis R. Schwedes. Peter H. Dippell. William B. Sandoe. Peter Kohl.	E. Vordermark. William Miller. Peter Loose. John Zeechiel.
<i>Indiana.</i>	John H. Klein. S. Nevin L. Kessler. Charles T. Martin. ⁴ Peter Vitz.	John W. Brown. Gottlieb Gerst. William Fostrick. ⁵ Bernard Overesch.

¹ His seat was occupied during the morning session of the seventh day of the sessions by Rev. Gregory H. Meiboom, *secundus*.

² He took his seat on the morning of the third day of the sessions.

³ He was excused from further attendance on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions.

⁴ His seat was occupied during the afternoon session of the seventh day of the sessions by Rev. Peter Joeris, *secundus*.

⁵ He was superseded on the morning of the sixth day of the sessions by Elder Ernest F. Osage, *primarius*.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Sheboygan.</i>	Henry A. Muehlmeier. James Bossard, Ph. D.	Fred. Stockmeyer.
<i>Heidelberg.</i>	John Winter. ¹ Daniel Zimmerman. Jacob Klingler.	L. Kaltschmid. M. Mueller. J. J. Schäublin.
<i>Erie.</i>	Augustus Toensmeier. Charles Schaaf. Frederick Forwick.	Lewis Biehl. ² J. Dechow.
<i>Milwaukee.</i>	Augustus Becker.	
<i>Minnesota.</i>	Christian H. Schoepfle.	
FROM THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.		
<i>Clarion.</i>	Joseph G. Shoemaker.	Abraham Wiant.
<i>St. Paul's.</i>	Julius Fuendeling. John Kretzing.	Charles M. Boush.
<i>Westmoreland.</i>	John I. Swander. Jacob F. Snyder. ³	George Bair. Wm. R. Barnbart.
<i>West New York.</i>		Jacob Wentz. ⁴
<i>Somerset.</i>	William Rupp. Abraham B. Koplin.	Philip Hay.
<i>Allegheny.</i>	George B. Russell. Thomas J. Barkley. John A. Hoffheins.	Samuel G. Lohr. Thomas J. Craig.

MEMBERS FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

From the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—
Rev. Philip Peltz, D. D.

From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—
Rev. John B. Helwig.

From the Evangelical Synod of the West.—Rev. W. Behrendt.

¹ His seat was occupied from the seventh day (Tuesday) of the sessions, until their close, by Rev. J. F. H. Dieckman, *secundus*.

² He took his seat on the morning of the fourth day (Saturday) of the sessions.

³ His seat was occupied during the forenoon of the last day of the sessions by Rev. John W. Love, *secundus*.

⁴ He was excused from further attendance at the close of the afternoon session of the seventh day of the sessions.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

The following advisory members were present from the several Classes, namely :

Lebanon Classis.—Rev. George Wolff.

Zion's Classis.—Revs. John Ault, David Bossler, and Elder William A. Wilt.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Jacob Dahlman, Jr., and Elders Hiram C. Hoover, J. David Miller and Samuel H. Bibighaus.

Mercersburg Classis.—Elder David Dunn.

Miami Classis.—Revs. William McCaughey, John Kuelling, Oswald J. Accela, Henry Hanhart, Peter C. Prugh, Fred. W. Berleman, Hiram Shumaker, Samuel B. Yockey, Levi Rike, Henry M. Herman, Jeremiah Heller, and Elders Joseph F. Kemp and Andrew H. Baughman.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Gregory H. Meiboom, and Elders Henry Leonard and Emanuel Giesy, Esq.

Tuscarawas Classis.—Revs. Edward D. Miller, Philip A. Long, Henry F. Long.

Tiffin Classis.—Revs. Herman Rust, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, Joseph A. Keller, Charles W. Good, and Elder Lewis Keller.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Revs. Joshua H. Derr, John M. Kendig.

Iowa Classis.—Rev. John H. Buser.

St. Joseph Classis.—Rev. G. Beisser.

Indiana Classis.—Rev. Peter Joerris.

Heidelberg Classis.—Revs. John F. H. Dieckman, Isaac Matzinger.

St. Paul's Classis.—Rev. H. C. Heyser, and Elder John Kreider.

Westmoreland Classis.—Rev. John W. Love.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of the following named ministers was announced at intervals during the sessions of Synod, viz :

Presbyterian Church.—Revs. Prof. Llewellyn J. Evans, D. D., Henry A. Nelson, D. D., Edward D. Morris, D. D., Archibald A. E. Taylor, D. D., Cornelius H. Taylor, D. D., John M. Worrall, D. D., G. William Winnes, Francis C. Montfort, William C. McCune, Oscar A. Hills, Alexander B. Morey and Ransom E. Hawley.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Revs. C. F. Paulus, H. Liebhart, J. Barth, A. Gerlach and J. Krebiehl.

Evangelical Church.—Revs. F. Dulitz, C. E. Clauser and H. Dietz.

Covenant Church.—Rev. J. Y. Boice.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

After the roll had been completed, and a quorum was found present, the Synod proceeded to the election of officers, all of whom were elected by acclamation, excepting the Corresponding Secretary, who was chosen by ballot, after Revs. S. N. L. Kessler, Christian H. Shoepfle and William Rupp had been appointed tellers by the President.

The officers elected are as follows :

- Rev. John H. Klein, *President*, Louisville, Kentucky.
 - Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *Vice-President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
 - Rev. George B. Russell, *Vice-President*, Pittsburg, Pa.
 - Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
 - Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., *Assistant Clerk*, Philadelphia, Pa.
 - Rev. David E. Klopp, *Corresponding Secretary*, Philadelphia, Pa.
 - Elder William D. Gross, *Treasurer*, Philadelphia, Pa.
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ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order of the District Synod in the United States were adopted as the rules by which the General Synod shall be governed in its deliberations during the present sessions ; and two hundred copies were ordered to be printed, in both the English and the German language, under the supervision of the Corresponding Secretary, for the use of the members of Synod.

The Synod defined the bar of the house to be the twelfth pew from the front.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod, namely :

The *Morning Sessions* to open at nine and close at twelve o'clock ; and the *Afternoon Sessions* to open at three and close at half past five o'clock.

Evening sessions were held on the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth days of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President :

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: *Ministers*—Peter Greding, John Kueling, Samuel Mease, Nero S. Strassburger. *Elders*—John Wiest and Jacob Greenameier.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD: *Ministers*—Dr. Edwin H. Nevin, Sebastian C. Goss, Francis R. Schwedes. *Elders*—George Bair and Henry Kefauver.

MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS:

1. *Synod in the United States*: *Ministers*—Joseph G. Shoemaker, George Wolff, S. N. L. Kessler. *Elders*—Edward J. Zahm and Peter Bugh.
2. *Synod of Ohio*: *Ministers*—Frederick A. Rupley, Jesse Schlosser, Henry Williard. *Elders*—Thomas J. Craig and Sidney M. Finger.
3. *Northwestern Synod*: *Ministers*—Marcus Bachman, Frederick Forwick, Herman Kortheuer. *Elders*—Charles M. Boush and Jacob Wentz.
4. *Synod of Pittsburg*: *Ministers*—John W. Steinmetz, Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Thomas J. Barkley. *Elders*—Peter Loose and Moses Marquis.

OFFICIAL REPORTS OF CLASSES: *Ministers*—Dr. George W. Williard, Dr. Benjamin Bausman, Dr. James Bossard, John I. Swander, Henry Hilbish. *Elders*—William Miller and Jerome Beaver.

OVERTURES: *Ministers*—David Van Horne, Charles T. Martin, Harvey Wilson, John A. Peters. *Elders*—Benjamin Kuhns, William R. Barnhart and Abraham Wiant.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES: *Ministers*—Dr. El-nathan E. Higbee, Jesse Steiner, Henry A. Muehlmeier. *Elders*—Conrad J. Geiger, M. D., and David B. Manger.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: *Ministers*—Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, William H. Fenneman, Daniel Zimmerman, Dr. John H. A. Bomberger. *Elders*—John Rodenmayer, Philip Fry and S. G. Lohr.

MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Edmund R. Eschbach, Dr. George W. Welker, Charles Schaaf, Augustus Becker, Christian H. Schoepfle. *Elders*—Philip Hay and E. Vordermark.

ORPHAN HOMES: *Ministers*—John S. Foulk, William Rupp, John K. Millet. *Elders*—Simon Lantz and Wm. H. Bargelt.

NOMINATIONS: *Ministers*—Geo. Z. Mechling, Peter Vitz, David E. Klopp. *Elders*—Robert Bell and Wm. Fostrick.

FINANCE: *Elders*—William M. Nevin and Thomas W. Chapman. *Ministers*—Dr. Jacob O. Miller, Lawrence D. Leberman and George H. Martin.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Two copies of the Minutes of the last General Synod were received, through the Stated Clerk, and referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod.

2. The Minutes of the Synod in the United States, of the Synod of Ohio and of the Pittsburg Synod, for the three years intervening since the last triennial sessions of the General Synod, were received, through the respective Stated Clerks, and referred to the respective Committees on the Minutes of the several District Synods.

3. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Zion's, Maryland, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Goshenhoppen, New York, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Miami, Lancaster (O.), Tuscarawas, Tiffin, St. John's, Eastern Ohio, Illinois, St. Joseph, Indiana, Sheboygan, Heidelberg, Erie, Minnesota, Clarion, St. Paul's and Westmoreland were received and referred to the Committee on Official Reports of Classes.

4. The reports of the General Boards of Home and of Foreign Missions, together with the reports of their respective Treasurers, and that of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

5. A communication from the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of Ohio was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

6. A communication from the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States was received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

7. A communication over the signatures of Revs. J. Wernley, Julius H. Krueger and J. Muehlhaupt, of California, was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

8. The report of the Board of Directors and Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., was received and referred to the Committee on Orphans' Homes.

9. Two communications from Rev. Prof. Henry W. Super were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

10. Several other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The General Synod during its present sessions observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with suitable religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services, to whom had also been referred the matter of making arrangements for daily devotional and national thanksgiving services, submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Standing Committee on Religious Services beg leave to offer the following report:

I. Reformed Churches.

FIRST CHURCH.—Thursday evening: thanksgiving services, address in German by Rev. G. Neeff, and in English by Rev. E. H. Nevin, D. D. Friday evening: missionary anniversary, address in German by Rev. M. Bachman, and in English by Rev. J. W. Steinmetz. Saturday evening: preparatory services, sermon in English by Rev. E. R. Eschbach, and the liturgical service by the pastor-loci. Sunday morning: communion of the Lord's Supper, sermon in German by Rev. H. Rust, D. D., and in English by Rev. G. B. Russell, and liturgical service by the pastor-loci. Sunday evening: sermon by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D.

Sunday School Addresses.—Sunday morning: by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D., and Rev. G. H. Meiboom; and afternoon by Rev. B. Bausman, D.D., and Elder John Wiest.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS.—Thursday evening: thanksgiving services, sermon by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger. Friday evening: sermon by Rev. H. Hilbish. Sunday morning: communion services,

sermon by Rev. J. H. Good, D. D. Sunday evening : sermon by Rev. S. N. L. Kessler.

SALEM REFORMED CHURCH.—Thursday evening : thanksgiving services, sermon by Rev. H. Korthauer. Friday evening : sermon by Rev. A. Toensmeier. Sunday morning : sermon by Rev. H. A. Muehlmeier. Sunday evening : sermon by Rev. P. Greding.

REFORMED CHURCH, COVINGTON, KY.—Thursday evening : thanksgiving services, sermon by Rev. C. H. Schoepfle. Sunday morning : sermon by Rev. C. G. Ziph. Sunday evening : sermon by Rev. F. R. Schwedes.

II. *Presbyterian Churches.*

ORCHARD STREET CHURCH.—Sunday morning : Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.

THIRD CHURCH.—Sunday morning : Rev. E. H. Nevin, D. D.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Sunday morning : Rev. N. H. Loose ; and evening, Rev. C. W. Hoyman.

SECOND GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Sunday morning : Rev. P. Joerris.

III. *English Lutheran Church.*

Sunday morning : Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D. ; and evening, Rev. J. I. Swander.

IV. *Methodist Churches.*

EVERETT STREET, GERMAN.—Sunday morning : Rev. C. Schiller ; and evening, Rev. J. C. Henneman.

RACE STREET, GERMAN.—Sunday morning : Rev. F. Forwick ; and evening, Rev. J. Winter.

BUCKEYE STREET, GERMAN.—Sunday morning : Rev. J. Fuendeling ; and evening, Rev. J. E. Heister.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH, COVINGTON, KY.—Sunday morning : Rev. C. Schaaf ; and evening, Rev. P. Vitz.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH, NEWPORT, KY.—Sunday morning : Rev. A. Becker ; and evening, Rev. A. Lepp.

V. *Baptist Church.*

WALNUT STREET, GERMAN.—Sunday evening : Rev. C. T. Martin.

VI. *Evangelical Church.*

ZION'S CHURCH.—Thursday evening : Rev. P. Greding. Sunday morning : Rev. J. H. Klein ; and evening, Rev. J. Bossard, Ph. D.

VII. *Devotional Services each Morning.*

Your Committee would also recommend that devotional services be held every morning, during the sessions of this General Synod, from half-past eight to nine o'clock ; to be conducted by different members of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER GREDING, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the Committee, including appropriate national thanksgiving services on the evening of the second day of the sessions in the several Reformed Churches in Cincinnati and in Covington, Ky., were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

I. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod submitted the following report, which was received, amended and disposed of item by item :

The Committee on the Minutes of the last General Synod would respectfully report as follows :

Item 1, page 25. Correspondence with the Pastoral Conferences in Switzerland and Detmold.

Item 2, pages 24 and 48. The procuring of a seal for the General Synod by the officers of Synod.

Item 3, page 56. The Committee on the Revised Constitution to report to this Synod.

Item 4, page 58. The postponement of the adjudication of certain appeals and complaints.

Item 5, page 60. Delegates to corresponding bodies.

Item 6, page 64. The consideration of the report of the Committee on the revision of the Hymn Book is referred to this Synod.

Item 7, page 93. The preparation of a constitution for the Sunday-school Association.

The foregoing are all the items which it is believed demand the attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Item 1, for action on, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; item 2, no report and committee discharged; items 3, 4 and 6, for action on, see Article XVIII., Church Government; item 5, for reports called for, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches. Item 7, for disposition of, see Article XV., Sunday-schools.

II. MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

The several Standing Committees on the Minutes of the different District Synods submitted their respective reports, which were received, amended and disposed of item by item, and then adopted as a whole. They are as follows:

1. *Synod in the United States.*

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Synod in the United States would respectfully submit the following report:

MINUTES FOR 1870.

Item 1, page 10. This Synod adopts the recommendation of the General Synod; to use moderation, prudence and charity in reference to the differences that exist among us on the subject of the Liturgy.

Item 2, page 10. Synod adopts the permission given it of inserting hymns and chants, for provisional use, in the Liturgy.

Item 3, page 11. Synod also adopts the action of the General Synod in reference to the Germantown Church property.

Item 4, page 44. Synod accepts the assessment laid upon them by the General Synod for contingent purposes, and instructs its Treasurer to pay the same.

MINUTES FOR 1871.

Item 5, page 51. The Synod organized a Board of Home Missions to be auxiliary to the Board of the General Synod.

Item 6, page 57. Synod refers to the General Synod the request of the West Susquehanna Classis to provide the Church with a Hymn Book better adapted to her wants; and, if expedient, to have the hymns arranged in the order of the Church Year, and the whole number, if possible, not to exceed three hundred.

Item 7, page 69. Synod continues the Committee to defend her action in the case of the appeals postponed by the General Synod.

MINUTES FOR 1872.

Item 8, page 46. Synod requests the General Synod to take such action as will place the work of Missions more directly in the hands of the Classes.

Item 9, page 51. Rev. Henry W. Super appeals to the General Synod from the decision of the Synod in sustaining the Chair.

Item 10, page 51. Elder David Dunn complains to the General Synod of the action of Synod in his case.

Item 11, page 51. The Revs. Dr. Thomas G. Apple and John Beck were appointed a committee to represent their Synod before the General Synod, in the matters growing out of the appeal of Elder David Dunn.

Item 12, page 61. Synod requests the General Synod to make provision for the formation of German Synods

Item 13, page 61. Synod requests the General Synod to organize the Classes of Mercersburg, Zion, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina into a District Synod.

Item 14, page 62. Rev. Henry W. Super appeals from the decision of the President to the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH G. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 11 were adopted; items 3 and 6, for action on, see Article XVIII., Church Government; item 8, for disposition of, see Article XIII., Missions; for action on items 9 and 14 see Article XVI., Appeals; for disposition of item 10, see Article XVII., Complaints; for action in regard to items 12 and 13, see Article XVIII., Church Government.

2. *Synod of Ohio.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Synod of Ohio for the last three years, respecting such items of business as demand the attention of this Synod, would report:

MINUTES FOR 1870.

Item 1, page 13. Revs. J. H. Good, D. D., G. W. Williard, D. D., and I. H. Reiter were continued as a Special Committee to defend the action of the Synod before the General Synod in the matter of the appeal of Rev. G. H. Johnston and others.

Item 2, page 60. Expression of regret that the Board of Missions of the General Synod has failed to acquaint, in any way, this

Synod with the condition and operation of its work within our bounds.

Item 3, page 62. Synod petitions General Synod to change its action in reference to Foreign Missions.

Item 4, page 65. A complaint from Rev. Joshua Riale and the body he represented against the ruling of the President of Synod in reference to certain proceedings concerning Iowa Classis.

Item 5, page 65. A complaint to General Synod from Rev. Joshua Riale against the enrolling of Revs. John H. Buser, John Rettig and Augustus Bletsch as delegates from Iowa Classis.

MINUTES FOR 1871.

Item 6, page 17. Various papers and complaints against Synod by persons and parties connected with Iowa Classis.

Item 7, page 46. A committee appointed to defend the action of Synod before the General Synod, consisting of Revs. J. H. Good, D. D., G. W. Williard, D. D., and I. H. Reiter.

MINUTES FOR 1872.

Item 8, page 17. Synod refers the subject of union with the Reformed Church in America to General Synod at Cincinnati.

Item 9, page 17. Synod also approves a union with that body, and earnestly requests the General Synod to adopt such measures as will be calculated to effect it as early as possible upon such a basis as will be just and honorable to all concerned.

Item 10, page 42. Is notice of appeal on the part of Rev. C. Cort, in behalf of the Counsel of Illinois Classis, from the decision of Synod of Ohio in the case of Illinois Classis vs. Rev. Henry Knepper.

Item 11, page 42. A complaint to Synod by Revs. C. Cort and J. Sechler.

Item 12, page 42. Revs. J. H. Derr and Dr. J. H. Good were appointed by Synod to defend its action in this case.

Item 13, page 44. Is certain resolutions concerning the solution of the difficulties in Iowa Classis.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. RUPLEY, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 7, 12 and 13 were adopted; items 2 and 3 considered under Article XIII., Missions; for action on items 4, 5 and 6 see Article XVIII., Church Government; for disposition of items 8 and 9 see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; for action on items 10 and 11 see Article XVII., Complaints.

3. *The Northwestern Synod.*

The Committee on the Minutes of the District Synod of the Northwest would respectfully submit their report:

MINUTES FOR 1870.

Item 1, page 12. Synod referred the request of the General Synod in regard to the debt of Home Mission Board to the Committee on Missions, which however took no action.

Item 2, page 12. Synod adopted all other requests.

MINUTES FOR 1871.

Item 3, page 9. Synod modifies the charter adopted by this Synod for congregations so as to suit their wants.

MINUTES FOR 1872.

Item 4, page 11. Synod requests the General Synod to enter into an organic union with the Reformed Church in America.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCUS BACHMAN, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted; and for action on item 4 see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches.

4. *The Pittsburg Synod.*

Your Committee on the Minutes of the District Synod of Pittsburg beg leave to report as follows:

MINUTES OF 1870.—*Preliminary Meeting.*

Item 1, page 3. The formation of said Synod pursuant to the authority of the General Synod.

Item 2, page 8. Adoption of the name, "The Synod of Pittsburg of the Reformed Church in the United States."

MINUTES FOR 1870.—*Regular Meeting.*

Item 3. Subjects referred by General Synod:

a. Page 18. The form of charter for congregations adopted by General Synod was referred to the Classes.

b. The observance of the Church Festivals recommended by the General Synod was referred to the Classes.

c. Page 22 On the subject of Home Missions referred by General Synod they took action by electing a Missionary Superintendent, who was to act in harmony with the Board of the General Synod.

d. Page 27. The Synod expresses its pleasure with the peaceable solution of the Liturgical Question, and with the fact that both Liturgies were being translated into the German language.

MINUTES OF 1871

Contain no action requiring the attention of the General Synod.

MINUTES OF 1872.

Item 4, page 28. Rev. H. C. Heyser gave notice that he would appeal from a certain action of Synod to the General Synod. In view of this notice Synod appointed the delegates of St. Paul's Classis to represent it on the floor of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. STEINMETZ, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted; and for action on item 4, see Article XVI, Appeals and References.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Official Reports of the Classes presented their report, which was received, amended, and, after having been considered item by item, was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

The Standing Committee on the Official Reports of the Classes respectfully report as follows:

That reports were received from all the Classes except North Carolina, Virginia, Iowa and Milwaukee.

Item 1. The Classes of East Pennsylvania, Goshenhoppen, Mercersburg, Lancaster (Eastern), West Susquehanna, East Susquehanna, Maryland, Zion's, New York, Tiffin, Tuscarawas, Heidelberg, Indiana, West New York, Westmoreland, Eastern Ohio and St. Paul's have adopted the action of this Synod, relative to the duty of members, removing from one congregation to another, to obtain a certificate of dismission and connect themselves with the congregation to whose bounds they have removed.

Item 2. The Classes of East Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, West Susquehanna, Lancaster (Eastern), Clarion, St. John's, Maryland, Zion's, Indiana, Heidelberg, Minnesota, Erie, West New York, Lebanon, Eastern Ohio, St. Paul's, Sheboygan and Illinois have adopted the proposed amendment of the constitution, respecting the formation of German Classes on territory occupied by English Classes, and *vice versa*; and the Classes of Tiffin, Tuscarawas and Miami adopted action averse thereto.

Item 3. The Classes of East Pennsylvania, Goshenhoppen, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, West Susquehanna, St. John's, East Susquehanna, Maryland, Zion's, Indiana, Heidelberg, Minnesota, New York, Erie, Sheboygan and Illinois have adopted the proposed amendment to the constitution, sent down by the General Synod, respecting the basis or ratio of representation in the General Synod—16 in all.

The Classes of Lancaster (Eastern), Clarion, Tiffin, Tuscarawas, Westmoreland, Miami, Eastern Ohio and St. Paul's have rejected the overture—9 in all; and the West New York Classis deferred action thereon until 1871.

Item 4. The Classes of East Pennsylvania, Goshenhoppen, Mercersburg, Lancaster (Eastern), Tiffin, Philadelphia, East Susquehanna, Maryland, Zion's, Heidelberg, Sheboygan and St. Paul's have approved of the request of this Synod to make special efforts to increase the contributions to the cause of Missions and for the relief of the General Board of its indebtedness.

Item 5. The Classes of East Pennsylvania, Goshenhoppen, Lancaster (Eastern), Philadelphia, Tiffin, Indiana, Heidelberg, West New York, Sheboygan, Lebanon, Eastern Ohio and St. Paul's have, in accordance with the action of the General Synod at Philadelphia, recommended the Orphan Homes of the Church.

The Classis of Indiana does not accede to it, wishing to leave the congregations within its bounds free to act as they prefer.

Item 6. The Classes of Goshenhoppen, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Lancaster (Eastern), Zion's, Indiana, Sheboygan, Lebanon and St. Paul's have approved of the action of the General Synod on the subject of the Liturgy, and have recommended the exercise of moderation, prudence and charity in view of the prevalent difference of opinion in the Church upon the subject of liturgical worship.

Item 7. The Classes of Goshenhoppen, Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Tiffin, Lebanon, Eastern Ohio and St. Paul's have approved of the Articles of Incorporation of a congregation, as adopted by the General Synod.

The Classis of Indiana adopted the charter of the Northwestern Synod in preference to that proposed by the General Synod.

Item 8. The Classes of Goshenhoppen, Philadelphia, Tiffin, Maryland, Heidelberg, New York, Lebanon, Eastern Ohio and St. Paul's have approved of the action of this Synod in reference to the leading festivals of the Church.

Item 9. The Classes of Goshenhoppen, Lebanon, Eastern Ohio and St. Paul's have consented to carry on the Foreign Missionary work in connection with the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States, as recommended by this Synod.

The Classis of Indiana recommends the cause of Foreign Missions, and rejoices in the operations of the German Evangelical Missionary Society, but regrets that the General Synod did not accept of the offers of the Reformed Church in America, to unite with them in this work.

The Classis of Tiffin rejected the recommendation of this Synod, in reference to co-operating with the German Evangelical Missionary Society, and adopted the action of the Synod of Ohio on this subject.

The Classis of Lancaster (Eastern) memorializes the General Synod, respecting the Foreign Missionary work, and requests this Synod to engage in it at once, especially as there is a considerable amount of money in the treasury of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Heidelberg Classis declines to accede to the request of the General Synod, to co-operate with the German Evangelical Missionary Society, and requests this Synod to establish a Board of its own, and unite with the Reformed Church in America in this work.

Item 10. The Classis of Philadelphia sends a memorial to the General Synod, as the supreme judicatory of the Church and the last resort, and asks to be protected in its rights as individuals and as a Classis, as set forth in said memorial, against the action of the District Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, adopted at its recent meeting at Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Item 11. The Classis of Philadelphia appointed a committee to carry out the wishes of the General Synod, relative to the Germantown Church property, but said committee has not, as yet, taken any positive action in view of the difficulties in the way of a legal prosecution.

Item 12. The Classes of Mercersburg and Maryland request the General Synod to give an expression of sentiment upon the subject of divorce, and enjoin stricter discipline in the lower Courts.

Item 13. The Classis of Zion's is not in favor of the formation of a German District Synod.

Item 14. The Classis of Zion's favors a union with the Re-

formed Church in America, provided the distinctive doctrines, characteristics and customs of the Church be preserved, and the autonomy of the Synod be maintained.

The Classis of Minnesota expresses itself in favor of the union of the Reformed Churches.

The Classis of Indiana rejoices in the prospect of said union, and asks this Synod to do all in its power to effect it as soon as possible.

Item 15. The Classis of Lebanon requests the General Synod to secure a report of the number of young men preparing for the ministry.

Item 16. The Classis of Eastern Ohio requests the General Synod to give laws and rules for the guidance and management of our Sunday-schools, and also prepare lessons in harmony with the Heidelberg Catechism.

Item 17. Westmoreland Classis requests this Synod to adopt the text of the Tercenary Edition of the Heidelberg Catechism in future editions.

Item 18. The Classis of Minnesota requests this Synod to refer the Liturgies or Orders of Worship to the Classes for their approval or rejection.

Item 19. The same Classis requests this Synod to decide whether an Order of Worship can be introduced in a congregation without the consent of the Consistory.

Item 20. The same Classis presents the petition of Rev. George Kurtzman, of Rochester, Minnesota, to this Synod, asking the privilege to collect funds in the bounds of the Synod in the United States for the erection of a church in said place.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Items 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 14 were adopted; for action in items 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18 and 19 see Article XVIII., Church Government; in item 10 see Article XVI., Appeals and References; in item 14 see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; in item 16 see Article XV., Sunday-schools; and in items 9 and 20 see Article XIII., Missions.

ARTICLE X. OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item :

The Committee on Overtures beg leave respectfully to report that the following documents have been placed in our hands :

Item 1. Is a letter from Revs. J. Wernley, J. H. Krueger and J. Muehlhaupt addressed to this Synod asking sympathy and aid for the California Missions.

Item 2. *a.* Is a paper stating the grounds of appeal of Prof. H. W. Super from the action of the late Martinsburg Synod in the case of Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and his right to give instruction to students in theological studies.

b. Is a certificate from Rev. M. A. Smith as President of the Martinsburg Synod, acknowledging that Prof. H. W. Super has complied with the requirements of the constitution in lodging with him the grounds of his appeal.

c. A notice from Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., relating to the above, and stating that he appears as counsel for the appellant, and requesting the designation of time and manner for hearing the case.

Item 3. *a.* Is a paper from Prof. H. W. Super as counsel for Elder David Dunn, giving the grounds of complaint against the action of the Martinsburg Synod in not sustaining an appeal carried up to it from Mercersburg Classis.

b. Is a certificate from Rev. M. A. Smith as President of the Martinsburg Synod, acknowledging that the requirements of the constitution in cases of complaint were fully complied with in the above case.

Item 4. Is a complaint of the Board of Missions of the Synod of Ohio against the action of the Synod of Martinsburg in appropriating moneys for the support of Missions located within their territory and held exclusively under their control, signed by Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., President, and Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman.*

For action on item 1 see report of Committee on Missions, Article XIII., Missions ; for action on the appeal reported, item 2, see Article XVI., Appeals and References ; on complaints reported, items 3 and 4, see Article XVII., Complaints.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches beg leave to report,

That no documents have been referred to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. HIGBEE, *Chairman*.

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The delegates appointed by the General Synod to corresponding bodies presented their reports, which were received and adopted, and are as follows:

1. *The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

The following report was received from the delegate to this body:

HARRISONBURG, VA., November 30, 1872.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:—

Reverend and Dear Brethren: As your corresponding delegate, *primarius*, elected by your reverend body at its late meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., to attend the meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which met in Dayton, Ohio, June 8, 1871, I would beg leave to report—

That as the time drew nigh for the meeting of that body, I found myself so peculiarly situated in consequence of circumstances growing out of a total failure of my health, that I could not, without great inconvenience and sacrifice, attend upon its sessions. I accordingly gave my alternate, Rev. Wm. H. H. Snyder, of Harrisburg, Pa., due notice, and requested him to attend. Upon receipt of intelligence from him that he could not attend, I hastened to address a letter to that Synod, explaining my non-attendance upon their meeting, and tendering them the Christian salutations and greetings of your reverend body.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL N. CALLENDER.

2. *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.*

The following report was received from the delegate to this body:
To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:—

The undersigned, delegate to the Reformed Church in America, respectfully reports,

That he attended a meeting of that body, held in Newark, N. J., in June, 1870. He transmitted the salutations of the Reformed Church in the United States, and presented a statement of her work and condition. The proceedings of that Synod gave signs of a vigorous activity and church-life in our sister denomination. Their Foreign Missionary work is prosecuted with remarkable efficiency and success. Their educational interests are liberally sustained, and are doing much to develop the working forces of the Church.

Your delegate was received and treated with great cordiality and kindness by that body, and through its President was requested to bear to this Synod the Christian salutations of the Reformed Church in America, and the assurance of its willingness heartily to co-operate with us in advancing the kingdom of our blessed Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN.

3. *The Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church.*

The following report was received from the delegate to this body:
To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:—

The undersigned, delegate to the Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church, begs leave to report,

That he was unable to ascertain the time and place of the meeting of that body, and in consequence did not attend upon its sessions. As the Moravian Churches are nearly all in the Eastern States, he regrets that he did not from the start notify his *secundus* to attend to this duty.

Very respectfully,

JEREMIAH H. GOOD.

4. *The Evangelical Synod of the West.*

The following report was received from the delegate to this body:
To the reverend General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:—

Dear Brethren in the Lord: The undersigned, as delegate *secundus*, of this body, attended the biennial meeting of the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of the West, held at Louisville, Ky., from the 12th to the 19th of May, A. D. 1870. Your delegate was most cordially welcomed by the President of said body, and obtained the privilege to express the most hearty greetings of this Synod, as also to make some historical statements with reference to our Church. Your delegate was also requested to return the fraternal greetings of said General Conference.

That Synod is a German ecclesiastical body of about 150 ministers and 80 charges in regular organic connection with the same. The main attention of the Conference, during the presence of your delegate, was directed to their institutions of learning, and training of young men for the gospel ministry and as school teachers, which seems to have been one of the most important subjects of the proceedings of the Conference.

As our Church spreads more and more toward the West, we consequently come in closer contact with the Evangelical Synod of the West, and as the same is in doctrine and cultus nearly related to us, it seems to your delegate to be of the greatest importance that the correspondence, which has now been opened with said Synod, should be most carefully cultivated.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING.

III. IN REGARD TO DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod, item 1, called the attention of Synod to the appointment of a committee by the last General Synod to correspond with the Pastoral Conferences in Switzerland and Detmold. There was no report received from the Committee. The item was adopted, and the Committee continued, with instructions to carry out the object of their appointment.

The Committee consists of Rev. John Kuelling, Dr. Herman J. Ruetenik, Dr. John G. Zabner, Nicholas Gehr and John F. Busche.

On the morning of Friday, the third day of the sessions, the Rev. W. Behrendt, delegate from the Evangelical Synod of the West, appeared in Synod, presented his credentials, and took his seat as a corresponding member. During the forenoon of Wednesday, the eighth day of the sessions, he took leave of Synod in an appropriate address, which was briefly responded to by the President.

On Saturday afternoon, the fourth day of the sessions, the Rev. John B. Helwig, delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, appeared, presented his credentials, and took his seat as a corresponding member. He then appropriately addressed the Synod. His address was briefly responded to by the Vice-President, the Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D.D.

At the opening of Synod on Monday morning, the sixth day of the sessions, Rev. Philip Peltz, D. D., delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, appeared, presented his credentials, and took his seat as a corresponding member. He, at the same time, laid on the table of Synod a copy of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of the Synod he represented. In the evening of the same day he addressed the Synod, and in a fraternal manner referred to the intimate historical relations of our two Churches, and to the subject of church union. He was properly responded to by the Vice-President, the Rev. George B. Russell.

IV. RESPECTING THE UNION OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of Ohio, and the Committee on the Minutes of the Northwestern Synod, reported, respectively, a certain action by each of said Synods, requesting the General Synod to adopt such measures as will secure a closer union between the Reformed Church in America and the Reformed Church in the United States. Also, as reported through the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, similar requests were sent up by the Indiana and Minnesota Classes, and an action of Zion's Classis favoring union on certain conditions. These requests were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. George W. Welker, Dr. Jacob O. Miller, George B. Russell, Julius Fuendeling, Dr. David Winters, George Z. Mechling, Dr. James Bossard, Peter Greding, and Elders John Wiest, Jacob Greena-meier, William Miller and Thomas W. Chapman.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved, That all the records and papers bearing on the general subject of union, together with the fraternal overture, which we have heard from the corresponding delegate, the Rev. Philip Peltz, D. D., in favor of a closer union between the Reformed Church in America and our own, be referred for respectful consideration to the Committee on the Subject of Union.

This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and unanimously adopted :

The Committee to whom were referred the several documents relating to a closer union with the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America, together with the formal request of the delegate from the General Synod of that body, asking for an expression of the views of this Synod on this subject, would report :

That this question has been before the mind of the Church for several years, and thoroughly discussed in all its bearings, and the conclusions reached have found utterance in the action of several Church Courts. The General Synod at Philadelphia, in 1869, had already said that a closer union between the two bodies, so intimately related in doctrine, cultus and name, would be both natural and desirable so soon as the consummation could be reached with the cordial consent of both parties. It is believed that the action of our Church Courts is not only in harmony with the common feeling of Protestant Christendom regarding the necessity for union in the body of Christ, but it is further held that it is expressive of the sincere desire of the Church which the General Synod represents ; that it would be a matter of rejoicing throughout its congregations to be brought into the closest relations for which the providence of the great Head of the Church may prepare the way. The union of these two members of the Reformed Church would realize the accomplishment of a hope long cherished. Under this view your Committee propose the following as the action of this General Synod :

Resolved, That this General Synod is in full accord with the prevailing sentiment in the Church as it regards the desirableness of Christian unity, and looks forward with pleasure to a union with the Reformed Church in America that may be accomplished on a basis satisfactory to both Churches. Believing that the time to be at hand when negotiations looking to this end should be initiated, it is resolved, by the General Synod, to appoint a committee of three from each of the five Synods comprising the General Synod, who shall confer with a like committee of the Reformed Church in America on the proposed union between that Church and our own, and report the results of their conference to the General Synod at its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WELKER, *Chairman*.

In immediate connection with the adoption of the foregoing report, the following additional resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all the Synods represented in this General Synod, at the ensuing annual meetings, appoint the committees named in the report of the Committee on the Question of Union with the Reformed Church in America.

V. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—Rev. Geo. W. Welker, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. David E. Klopp, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Peter C. Prugh, *secundus*.

To the Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church.—Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Nero S. Strassburger, *secundus*.

To the Evangelical Synod of the West.—Rev. John Kuelling, *primarius*; Rev. Peter Greding, *secundus*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave respectfully to present the following report:

For the innumerable blessings of his Providence, but especially for the infinitely richer gifts of grace vouchsafed unto this branch of the Church during the last three years, it becomes us first of all to offer thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, the great Head of the Church.

The most prominent feature in the history of the Reformed Church in the United States, since the last meeting of the General Synod, is that of steady progress and growth. This is true, notwithstanding the division and contrariety of sentiment prevailing in different portions of the Church. There has been growth in point of numbers, and a measure of progress in point of general

efficiency, at least in some departments of our ecclesiastical activity. The number of ministers has grown from 526 to 586, a net increase of 60; the number of Classes from 31 to 34, an increase of 3; the congregations from 1,179 to 1,312, an increase of 133; the membership from 117,910 to 130,299, an increase of 12,389; the additions by certificate and confirmation from 28,962 to 32,809, an increase of 3,847; and the contributions from \$228 817.94, the sum total for the three years ending with November, 1869, to \$247,386.12, the sum total for the three years which have just ended, the increase being \$18 568.18.

Of the ministry, as a whole, taking the reports of the Synods as the basis of judgment, it is but justice to say that the ambassadors of Christ have been laboring with zeal and fidelity in the service of our Divine Master, preaching the word and dispensing the sacraments, catechising the youth and exercising Christian discipline, and a large measure of the divine blessing has been bestowed upon their labors.

Of the elders of our churches, the same general judgment is in place. This class of office-bearers have been steadily growing in fidelity, intelligence and Christian activity, the positive force of their influence being felt more and more in the Consistories and Congregations, in the Classes and Synods, and in all the movements of the Church, as a whole. Active co laborers with the pastors, wise counselors in the church judicatories, and noble exemplars of Christian character, they are becoming the right arm of strength and efficiency in the organization of the Reformed Church.

The results of the labors of the ministry and the co-operative activity of the eldership are seen in the growth of the Church, as presented in the statistics already given in this report.

Concerning our Home Missionary work, it is unnecessary to enter into particulars; a clear and full survey of the subject, under its various aspects, having already been presented by the General Board. There is, on the one hand, cause for rejoicing that so much has been done in aiding many feeble organizations East and West, and thus extending the faith of the Christian Church; whilst, on the other, there is as much reason for humiliation, that, owing to various restraining influences, this department of church work has been embarrassed, and is now in a languished condition. How to revive vigor and inspire a harmonious activity is a question which is involved in a broader and more fundamental problem, that

is now challenging the profound attention of the whole Church, and your Committee is, therefore, unable to suggest any adequate solution.

This report might go on to speak of the Theological Seminaries, the Colleges and Academies, the Boards of Education and Orphan Asylums; but, were this even expedient, your Committee has not access to the data which are requisite in order to give a statement of particulars. To this branch of our activity we refer simply with the view of putting on record the encouraging fact that educational institutions of various grades are multiplying throughout our territory, and are pursuing their noble vocation with a great degree of efficiency and success.

There is, as a matter of course, another class of facts, of which the reports of the District Synods speak. Since the power of sin is not utterly eradicated from the hearts of believers, so neither is it utterly destroyed in the bosom of the Church in general. Good and evil, truth and error, devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ and devotion to the world, prevail under manifold forms in our congregations. But as this aspect of the condition of the Church has been so frequently portrayed by the lower judicatories, we will not go into details.

There is, however, one negative feature which we wish to emphasize. From the organization of the German Reformed Church in this country, in the year 1747, to the present hour, one of the principal hindrances to our progress, if not the chief among all, has been the want of an adequate number of ministers of the gospel, ministers thoroughly educated, sound in the faith, and earnestly devoted to Jesus Christ. This want is greater and more depressing in its influence than the want of funds. Had we the men possessing the required theological and spiritual qualifications, who would go forth in the name of the Master and break the bread of life to the destitute, East and West, North and South, the means needed for their support would be forthcoming. The Reformed Church can not fulfill her mission in America except in as far as this primary want is met. Let us labor and pray that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers into his harvest.

In conclusion, the Committee feel constrained to make explicit reference to the difference of sentiment touching worship, and some points of doctrine that prevail in the Reformed Church. That there are two tendencies was distinctly recognized by the General

Synod of Philadelphia. This division of sentiment has ripened into antagonism, the adherents of one tendency being arrayed in their practical church work directly against the adherents of the opposite tendency. Whilst the present state of things exist, there can be no unity, peace and concord. Instead of concentrating our energies in the way of harmonious action against the common foe, much of our time and strength is expended in maintaining the conflict within our own organization, and in seeking to achieve victory, one tendency a victory over the other. What is to be done? The status is abnormal. We do not report it in order to solve the problem, but simply as a matter of fact.

That we are all lacking in mutual love and forbearance; that amid the heat of the conflict we are in danger of misinterpreting opinions, teachings, motives and conduct, the representatives of both tendencies are doubtless ready to confess before God. Whilst the antagonism continues, every active workman is exposed to the danger of sinning against his brother. Let us all join in the earnest prayer to Almighty God, through our blessed Redeemer, that he may defend us against the spirit of the world, and, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, guide and lead us in the way of truth, and wisdom, and love.

Respectfully submitted,

EMANUEL V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Tables see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The subjoined reports were regularly brought before the General Synod, and received due consideration, viz :

1. *Action of the Board of Foreign Missions.*

The following report of the action of the Board of Foreign Missions is presented for the consideration of the General Synod :

At a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, held at the house of Rudolph F. Kelker, in Harrisburg, Pa., on Thursday evening, the 21st of November, 1872, the following action was adopted, and the Secretary *pro tem.* instructed to communicate it to the General Synod of the Reformed Church, meeting in Cincinnati on the 27th inst.:

Resolved, 1. That the Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., President of this meeting, be instructed to press upon the General Synod the importance and necessity of *now* doing something definitely in the Foreign Missionary field.

Resolved, 2. That in the judgment of this Board the Church is not prepared to commence at this time a Mission of our own.

Resolved, 3. That we recommend to the General Synod to direct that the Treasurer shall pay over one-half of the undesignated contributions hereafter received to the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States, and the remainder to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

Resolved, 4. That the amount *now* in the treasury be equally divided between the above mentioned Boards

Resolved, 5. That the Reformed Church in America be requested to designate some particular Mission to which our funds shall be applied.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. FOULK, *Secretary pro tem.*

2. Report of Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

Rudolph F. Kelker, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with aforesaid Board.

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To amount on hand, November 24, 1869, and reported to the General Synod at Philadelphia, two thousand two hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety-one cents, . . . \$2,257 91

To cash received from all sources since then, to-wit:

1870.			
June 4,	Of Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Lebanon, Pa., . . .	25	00
July 12,	" J. Miller, Alexandria, Pa., per Rev. J. W. Love, .	5	00
Sept. 15,	" A member at Vogansville, Pa., . . .	5	00
Oct. 21,	" St. John's Classis, per Rev. D. Kemmerer, . . .	15	00
Nov. 1,	" H. Wirt, Esq., Treasurer Eastern Synod, interest on "Gerhart" legacy, . . .	6	72
" 15,	" Jacob Kuhn, Shelby, O., per Rev. N. H. Loose, . . .	5	00
Dec. 16,	" Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., moneys received by him from Rev. D. Rothrock, Bucksville, Pa., . . . \$15 00		
"	East Vincent, Pa., \$36.10, and St. Matthew's, } \$14.74, per Rev. M. S. Rowland, . . . } 50 84		
	Luthersburg Charge, per Rev. L. Crist, . . .	25	68
	Bloomsburg Charge, Pa., per Rev. F. J. Mohr, . . .	4	50
1871.		96	02
Jan. 9,	" Mrs. T. and others, Abilene, Kan. per Rev. E. Bau- man, . . .	5	55
Feb. 16,	" "M., Berks County, Pa., . . .	5	00
Sept. 4,	" Matilda J. Ege, check of E. B. Boas, for cashier, on 1st		

Carried forward, \$2,426 20

1871.	Amount brought forward,	\$2,426 20
	National Bank of Reading, Pa., dated Sept. 4, 1871, for one thousand dollars; said amount contributed as follows: eight hundred dollars at the request of Elizabeth Von Neida (now deceased), and the remaining two hundred dollars jointly by Mrs. Mary C. Worral (now also deceased) and the aforesaid Matilda J. Ege, who now resides in Philadelphia, . . .	1,000 00
Sept. 13,	Of Miss Sarah Hoffmann's Class, Bath, Pa., Reformed and Lutheran Sunday-school, per Rev. M. A. Smith, Nazareth, Pa., . . .	21 00
Nov. 6,	" Jacob Kuhn, Shelby, O., per Rev. N. H. Loose, . . .	5 00
Dec. 8,	" A lady friend of Missions, Butler, Pa., per Rev. C. A. Limberg, . . .	18 00
Dec. 30,	" "M. A. G.," Allentown, Pa., the last money of her deceased sister, Hannah, \$10, and of "Hannah's" deceased son, Charles, \$5, now donated by "M. A. G." to Missions, . . .	15 00
1872.		
Jan. 5,	" Reformed Sunday-school, Altoona, Pa., Christmas collection, per Rev. A. C. Whitmer, . . .	6 75
Feb. 3,	To be forwarded to Rev. B. Schneider, D. D., Missionary, Broosa, through A. Board C. F. Missions, Boston. Miss Mary E. Gilbert's Infant Sunday-school, Reformed Church, Jonestown, . . . \$7 30 Children of Alms House, Dauphin Co., Pa., . . . 27	7 57
" 15,	Of Peter Uhl, Center Co., Pa., for Rev. Oscar Lohr, India, per Rev. D. G. Klein, . . .	5 00
" 16,	" J. H. Rauser's Sunday-school Class, Heidelberg Church, York, Pa., . . .	3 00
" 17,	" Rev. S. R. Fisher, D.D., moneys received by him, viz: Rev. L. Crist, Troutville, Pa., of which \$5 was collected in Paradise Sunday-school, . . . \$12 00 Bethlehem Congregation, Philadelphia, per Rev. J. G. Neuber, for New York Missionary Society, . . . 26 00 V. Schneider, wife and children, Punxsatawny, Pa., . . . 1 80 George Blecker, \$2, G. Moli, Bridgeport, Conn., \$10.01, . . . 12 01 Haycock Institute, Bucks Co., Pa., . . . 1 25 C. Winkler, Richmond, Ia., \$10; "A. L.," Zion's Church, Philadelphia, \$10, . . . 20 00 Blanche Johnson's money box, "Harbaugh's Church," . . . 4 00 Jacob Kugler, Mineral Point, O., . . . 5 00 A friend, Flinstone, Md., . . . 10 00 St. Paul's Sunday-school, Big Creek, Pa., Rev. A. Bartholomew, . . . 4 00 P. Zimmerman, Pennsville, Pa., . . . 1 25	97 31
" 28,	" Mt. Union Sunday-school, Adams Co., Pa., per B. F. Bollinger, . . .	5 00
" "	" Henry Wirt, Esq., Treasurer Eastern Synod, interest on "Gerhart" donation, . . .	9 94
	Carried over,	\$8,619 77

1872.		Amount brought forward,	\$3,619 77
April 20,	" " M., Berks Co., Pa.		5 00
June 3,	" Trinity Reformed Church, Tamaqua, Pa., I. E. Graeff, pastor. For building church at Bismarck, India,	\$20 50	45 50
	Tulpehocken Charge, Rev. C. H. Leinbach, for same Mission, per Rev. A. S. Leinbach, Treasurer Lebanon Classis,	25 00	
" 22,	" Landisburg Charge, Pa., Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier, per W. A. Wilt, Treasurer of Zion's Classis,		4 00
" "	" Rev. Edward D. Miller, Canaan, Wayne Co., O., for thank-offerings at two baptisms,		2 00
Aug. 28,	" Bath Sunday-school, per Rev. M. A. Smith, Nazareth, Pa.,		17 50
Oct. 9,	" Wadsworth Charge, O., per Rev. S. C. Goss, Treasurer Benevolent Fund,		10 00
Nov. 16,	" Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., money received by him from M. Shaumleffle, Wootensburg, Md., \$5, and unknown, 50 cents,		5 50
" "	" 1st Reformed Sunday-school, Lebanon, Pa., per J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer,		25 00
" 21,	To interest on amount reported to General Synod of Philadelphia, viz: Twenty-two hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety-one cents, from Nov. 24, 1869 to Nov. 24, 1872, three years, at 6 per cent. per annum,		406 41
" "	To interest on the one thousand dollars received from Matilda J. Ege and others, from Sept. 4, 1871, to Nov. 27, 1872,		73 83

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\$4,214 51

By following stated remittances made to J. W. Miller, Esq., Treasurer German Evangelical Missionary Society, No. 41 Seventh Street, New York, in obedience to the instructions of General Synod of Reformed Church of 1869 (See resolution, page 84,

1870. Minutes of 1869), viz:

Sept. 29,	Interest on fund reported to Synod, from Nov. 24, 1869, to Nov. 24, 1870,	\$135 47
" "	Sundry Contributions received up to Sept. 29, 1870,	35 00
Oct. 21,	Fifteen dollars,	15 00
Dec. 21,	One hundred and seven dollars and seventy-four cents,	107 74
Nov. 22,	Interest on fund from Nov. 24, 1870, to Nov. 24, 1871,	135 47
" "	Thirty-six dollars and fifty-five cents,	36 55
Dec. 8, 1872,	Eighteen dollars,	18 00
Jan. 5,	Twenty-one dollars and seventy-five cents,	21 75
Feb. 22,	One hundred and five dollars and thirty-one cents,	105 31
June 4,	Sixty-five dollars and forty-four cents,	65 44
Oct. 18,	Thirty-three dollars and fifty cents,	33 50
Nov. 8,	Interest on fund of General Synod, from Nov. 24, 1871, to Nov. 24, 1872,	135 47
Nov. 22,	Thirty dollars and fifty cents,	30 50

Carried over, \$875 20

1872.	Amount brought forward,	\$875 20
	Remitted for use of Rev. B. Schneider, D. D., Broosa, to the American Board Commis- sioners Foreign Missions, according to request of donors, February 5, 1872, .	7 57
Nov. 27,	By balance in hands of Treasurer (invest- ed), three thousand three hundred and thirty one dollars and seventy-four cents,	\$ 882 77 3,331 74 —————\$4,214 51

Respectfully submitted to the reverend, the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Cincinnati, O.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, PA., *November 27, 1872.*

3. Report of General Board of Home Missions.

The Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States here present their triennial report:

Toward the close of the last meeting of the General Synod, held in Philadelphia, the newly elected members of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, organized by electing Rev. B. Bausman, President, Dr. S. H. Giesy, Secretary, Charles Santee, Treasurer of Home Missions, and George Gelbach, Treasurer of Church Extension. We found the treasury of Home Missions \$891.37 in debt. Besides this amount there was due for salaries of missionaries \$3,640.75, making a total indebtedness of \$4,532.12. The indebtedness of the Church Extension treasury was \$944.00.

This Board is the servant and missionary agent of a baptized membership of more than 250,000 souls. These are scattered over twenty-one States of the Union, and are rapidly spreading into other States. Among so large a population, dispersed over such an extensive territory, the missionary work can not be prosecuted with success without a thorough and well-systematized organization. This was felt by the preceding Board, which strove earnestly to organize the field. It has been equally felt by the present Board, and earnest efforts have been made for the attainment of this end.

Our Missions being scattered over so large a territory, many of them being far removed from the location of the Board, it is impossible for such a body to be thoroughly master of such a field, simply by means of correspondence. Every Mission has its peculiar features and wants; every missionary has a peculiar aptitude or inaptitude for his charge. To act intelligently the Board ought to

be intimately acquainted with both. It can not become thus acquainted by simply corresponding with the parties concerned. Some subordinate Board, or agent, in more immediate contact with them, ought to be the organ of communication between the General Board and the respective missionaries and Missions.

In the absence of such an organ the Board has had to labor under serious difficulties. As a partial remedy we employed Dr. Max Stern, then of Louisville, Kentucky, as Missionary Superintendent, with a salary of \$1,000.60. The Synods of Ohio and of the Northwest paid half his salary, and the General Board paid the other half. For a period of one year he labored with great faithfulness and self-denial, when failing health constrained him to resign his position. The Board felt that Dr. Stern had a peculiar aptitude for this work, and regretted the necessity which compelled him to withdraw from it.

Since the first meeting of the present Board, in November, 1869, it has not had a full attendance at any one of its meetings. Some of its members living far away from its place of meeting, we often failed to secure a quorum. A large part of our business, properly belonging to the Board, had to be transacted by the Executive Committee.

We need not inform this venerable body that the unsettled state of the Church, the exciting and irritating controversies agitating her, have seriously interfered with this part of our church work. Although striving to be just and impartial to all interests and parties concerned, we regret to report that we have not received the confidence of the entire Church. From the start some of the Synods in a measure refused to co-operate with the General Board, claiming the privilege to disburse their own funds and manage their own Missions, regardless of its authority.

Under all these circumstances it was felt, that, in order to avoid serious detriment to this cause, it was necessary, even at the risk of seeming to transcend our authority, without delay, to recommend the organization of Missionary Boards by the several District Synods, auxiliary to the Board of the General Synod. The Auxiliary Boards have been formed and have gone vigorously to work in their respective fields. In 1865 these Synods transferred their Missions to the Board of the General Synod, and dissolved their own Boards. Circumstances have forced us to readopt the former

plan, and re-transfer the Missions to the respective Synods in whose bounds they are located.

In making the above statements we simply report the facts in the case. We have no one to censure, no one to reflect upon. It will be for this body to say whether its Board of Home Missions acted wisely in making the aforesaid changes. If wisely, it might be well, by a formal ordinance, to confirm its action.

MISSIONS UNDER THE CARE OF THE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1. *Tamaqua*. Rev. I. E. Graeff, pastor. This Mission has had a healthful growth in numbers and church work. The congregation in Tamaqua is well organized, and through the self-denial and liberality of pastor and people it has become self-supporting.

2. *Altoona*. Rev. A. C. Whitmer, pastor. This Mission, started in 1863, has grown into a thriving flock. Altoona being a growing manufacturing center, it has the twofold advantage of deriving material from its baptized membership and from emigration. It has already become a church-center in that part of the State; not only self-supporting, but contributes largely to the benevolent operations of the Church.

3. *Doylestown*. Rev. L. C. Sheip, pastor. Owing to a lack of material in the place, this Mission has not been as successful as many others. To lighten the burdens of the missionary treasury, the pastor has secured part of his support by teaching a school. Its growth is gradual, and promises to be permanent.

4. *Williamsport*. Rev. A. J. Heller, pastor. This place has grown into a flourishing city, and the success of the Mission shows the wisdom of establishing congregations in business centers like this. This Mission has a commodious new church, well located, and an active membership. It has lately become self-supporting.

5. *Lykens*. This Mission is without a pastor. It has a neat frame church, capable of seating about 300 persons, and also a comfortable parsonage. Lykens is a coal town, whose business and population are rapidly increasing. The East Susquehanna Classis has united the Tower City congregation with the Mission, a town eight miles from this place. There is much valuable material here. With an efficient pastor the Mission could ere-long be made self-supporting.

6. *McConnellsburg*. Rev. J. S. Shade, pastor. This Mission, although in a region of country where we have not a great deal of material, has for the last few years met with encouraging success. It is an old charge, and has always been weak, and always neglected by the Church. With a small appropriation we have enabled the Mission to secure the services of an active pastor, under whose labors it has made encouraging progress. A comfortable parsonage has been secured, and both in numbers and activity the Mission shows a marked improvement.

7. *St. Stephen's*, Philadelphia. Rev. A. Romich, pastor. Of this Mission we can report but little that is new. During the last year its accessions by baptism and confirmation have been encouraging.

8. *St. Paul's*, Philadelphia. Rev. J. Gantenbein, pastor. This Mission is in the southern part of the city, where the German population is much smaller than in the northern part. For this reason its growth has not been so rapid as that of some congregations more favorably located. Withal it has been successful. Both these Missions have parochial schools, in which the children of the Church are early taught the doctrines of our holy faith.

9. *St. John's*, West Philadelphia. Rev. J. G. Noss, pastor. The growth of this Mission has been greatly retarded by treacherous attempts which certain parties have made to transfer the congregation and church property to another denomination. Through the kind intervention of several Philadelphia brethren, and the watchful pastoral care of Rev. G. B. Russell, then its missionary, and the just decision of the Civil Court, the property was saved to our Church. By the blessing of God, and through the energetic labors of the present missionary, it is recovering from the damaging effects of this unrighteous rebellion.

10. *Bridesburg*. Rev. J. Dahlman, Sen., for several years the faithful missionary of this flock, recently resigned its pastorate. The congregation has called Mr. Christian Keller, a licentiate of the Philadelphia Classis, who was lately ordained and installed as its pastor. Bridesburg is one of the suburbs of Philadelphia, with a floating population—a very unreliable kind of material for a missionary to husband. The congregation has a neat church-edifice. A well-conducted parochial school does good service in the religious education of the children.

NEW JERSEY.

11. *Glassboro*. Rev. Charles Becker, pastor. With a strong faith and untiring energy this good brother labors to gather his country-

men into the fold of Christ. This flock is gaining in the way of abiding growth.

12. *Rahway*. Rev. A. Lepp, pastor. This Mission seems to have reached a flourishing condition. The number of its members leads us to hope that at no distant day it will become self-supporting.

DELAWARE.

13. *Camden*. Several years ago Rev. G. B. Russell commenced holding religious services in this place. Subsequently Rev. C. C. Russell labored here as pastor for one year. He labored here with great acceptance and success. The membership increased, and pastor and people were prepared to make great sacrifices in favor of the erection of a church. When their hopes seemed the brightest, a mysterious Providence, through a malignant disease, terminated the valuable life of the faithful pastor, in the prime of his usefulness. The sorely bereaved Mission was crushed, but not in despair. Since then they have rallied, and are now erecting a neat church-edifice. The Board hereby expresses its high appreciation of the personal worth, piety and pastoral faithfulness of our sainted missionary, Rev. C. C. Russell, and commend his meek, self-denying devotion to the practical work of the holy ministry, as an eminent characteristic of the successful missionary of the Cross. We trust your reverend body will pardon this brief pause in hurriedly sketching over our field, that we may weave our wreath of love around the memory of an earnest, humble, hard working missionary. We hope this flock, the only Reformed congregation in the State of Delaware, will ere long be supplied with a pastor.

MARYLAND.

14. *Sixth Reformed Church*, Baltimore. Rev. J. C. Hauser, pastor. This Mission has been quite a success. Although burdened with a heavy church debt, its growth has been very encouraging. The debt is being reduced. The parochial school is a great help to the pastor, in the religious education of the young. Its former efficient missionary, Rev. H. Grandlienard, has taken charge of a French Reformed Church in New York. The congregation has been fortunate in securing such an able and faithful successor.

15. *First English Reformed Church*, Baltimore. Rev. Thomas L. Poulson, pastor. This congregation was started by a part of the old Second Street Church of this city. It was hoped it could

be permanently established without missionary support, but the encumbrance of a heavy church-debt compelled them to secure missionary help.

VIRGINIA.

16. *Winchester*. Rev. M. L. Shuford, pastor. This Mission has not yet fully recovered from the damaging effects of the war. The missionary has labored faithfully and hard. His burdens are made heavier, because not always followed with correspondingly large results. Still there has been progress. God has given an increase.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

17. *First Reformed Church*, Washington. This Mission has for a few years had Rev. Robert F. Reitzell as pastor. During the last year he attempted, with a number of adherents, to carry the property and congregation out of the Reformed Church, into an independent organization. Although he could not take the church, he took a large part of the members, whom he has formed into an independent congregation. This treacherous act of the pastor has shattered the congregation to its center, and came near proving its ruin. The brethren of the Maryland Classis are trying to rally the material, and start the enterprise afresh.

SYNOD OF OHIO.

General Superintendency. Since the resignation of Dr. M. Stern as Superintendent of Missions, this Synod has endeavored to secure a laborer of this kind within its bounds. At its last meeting Rev. H. Hilbish was elected. He having declined the call, the office still remains unsupplied.

OHIO.

18. *Liberty Center*, Henry Co. Rev. J. Michael, pastor. This Mission had previously been under the care of Rev. H. H. Sandoe for one year. It promises to become self-supporting in a short time.

19 *Church of the Cross*, Cincinnati. This is an old Mission, long supported by the Church, and one that has met with great and unexpected difficulties in struggling toward independence. During the past two or three years it has been sustained as a Mission by the Miami Classis, and is now under the care of the Board of the Ohio Synod. It is at present supplied by Rev. S. Mease,

but a regular pastor is to be secured as soon as possible. It is a Mission of great importance. The encumbrance of a heavy debt has helped to retard its growth.

20. *Germantown*, Montgomery Co. Rev. Joseph H. Apple, pastor. This Mission is about becoming self-supporting.

21. *Hamilton*, Butler Co. Rev. Geo. Z. Meehling, pastor. This is an interesting and promising field which has recently been taken under the care of the Board.

22. *Brown Co.* Rev. William Stechow, pastor. This Mission is prospering and we are assured will not need assistance much longer.

23. *Bradford*, Darke Co., Rev. J. S. Gough, pastor, is a new Mission, only lately commenced.

24. *Heidelberg Charge*, Hancock Co. Rev. J. May, pastor. This charge, so long fostered by the Church, has become self-supporting, and bids fair ere long to be divided into two charges.

25. *Galion*, Crawford Co. Rev. H. Williard, pastor. This is a new English Mission, only lately commenced, with excellent prospects.

ILLINOIS.

26. *Freeport*. Rev. A. Schroeder, pastor. The Church supported a Mission at this place for a number of years, but it had almost become extinct. A little over two years ago Rev. A. Schroeder commenced it anew. Its prospects are now believed to be reasonably good.

27. *Center Charge*. Rev. S. P. Meyers, pastor. The Shelbyville Charge, under Rev. H. Wilson, became self-supporting a year ago. It has been so remarkably prospered that the Illinois Classis resolved to divide it into three charges, of which Shelbyville is still self-supporting. The second, the Center Charge, has been taken under the care of the Ohio Board, and has the prospect of immediate success. The third charge is for the present supplied under the supervision of Rev. H. Wilson.

28. *Altamont* (formerly Hickory Creek). Rev. J. A. Smith, pastor. This Mission is now carried forward with encouraging prospects.

IOWA.

29. *Boonesboro*. Rev. A. Bletsch, pastor. This Mission was started two years ago, and has been quite successful.

30. *Marengo*. Rev. C. G. Ziph.

COLORADO.

31. *Denver City*. In this city of 12,000 inhabitants a Mission has just been established, with most encouraging prospects.

NORTHWESTERN SYNOD.

NEW YORK.

32. *Harbor Mission*. Rev. J. Weiher, pastor. The object of this Mission is to provide religious counsel and direction for the German emigrants arriving at New York. The missionary has a large field of usefulness, and a fruitful soil in which to sow the seed of truth. A word in season has helped many families to select their future homes in the neighborhood of Reformed congregations, where they found a spiritual habitation among those of a kindred faith. Through this Mission the Church casts her bread upon the water, which she finds after many days.

OHIO.

33. *Island Mission*, on Lake Erie. Rev. W. Renter, pastor. The location of this Mission is against it. During the winter the people, scattered over the several islands, are mostly inaccessible to the pastor, and can rarely attend church. And in summer various damaging influences hinder its growth. Kelley's Island, with a vigorous little flock, is the missionary's central point of labor.

34. *Third Church*, Cleveland. Rev. P. Schülke, pastor. This Mission has lately made rapid progress, and with the vigorous labors of the young missionary promises to become self-supporting in a short time.

35. *Ashland*. Rev. Isaac Matzinger, pastor. This Mission has had serious difficulties to contend with. Still it has gradually improved.

36. *Kenton*, Hardin Co. Rev. P. Ruhl, pastor. This Mission has made very encouraging progress. Under the faithful labors of its missionary it has good prospects of becoming self-supporting in a short time.

37. *Lima*. Rev. C. Pluess, pastor. This Mission, having the only German congregation in this growing place, has been a success, and bids fair ere long to become self-supporting.

38. *Spencerville*, Allen Co. Rev. J. B. Ruhl, pastor. This Mission, located among a numerous German population, has encountered severe opposition from the powers of evil. The mission-

ary writes : " The prospects are promising. The work here has to be done with great patience and self-denial."

INDIANA.

39. *Evansville.* Rev. Charles T. Martin. This old Mission, formerly a partial failure, has been revived. All beginnings are hard—especially the *second* beginning of a Mission. This our missionary here has experienced. God's blessing upon his work is seen in the gradual growth of the enterprise. In so thriving a town we hope ere long to have a prosperous congregation.

ILLINOIS.

40. *Chicago.* Rev. F. Kuenzler, pastor. This important Mission has passed through serious trials the past year. The church was sold for taxes; only by great sacrifice and effort the property was secured again for the congregation.

IOWA.

41. *Girard*, Clayton Co. Rev. C. Führer, pastor. This is seemingly an unimportant field. The Mission consists of earnest devoted people, who deny themselves much in order to support their pastor and build up their flock.

WISCONSIN.

42. *Milwaukee.* Rev. J. T. Kluge, pastor. This important Mission has again been taken hold of with new zeal. The present pastor accepted its call at a serious sacrifice. This city, with 40,000 Germans, presents a fruitful field for missionary work. May this enterprise be crowned with great success.

43. *La Crosse.* Rev. B. R. Hücker, pastor. This Mission gives hope of a speedy success. The pastor is endeavoring to gather congregations at several points in the neighborhood, with fair prospects of succeeding to build up a self-supporting charge.

44. *Manitowoc.* Rev. W. Rusterholtz, pastor. Since the resignation of Rev. Schülke as pastor of this Mission it has been vacant. Enemies from without and dissensions within have imperiled its existence, and threatened its ruin. It is temporally supplied by the brethren of the Sheboygan Mission House. After its dark night, the morning seems faintly to dawn.

MINNESOTA.

45. *Wabasha*. Rev. A. Kanne, pastor. This self-denying missionary labors with untiring patience and zeal. The Lord has smiled upon his work. The little flock has doubled twice in numbers during the year. He is doing his utmost to establish congregations in the surrounding country and neighboring towns.

MISSOURI.

46. *Osage Co.* Rev. S. Thomas, pastor. The State of Missouri offers a large and very fruitful field for missionary work. This Mission, though young, has already become a success, and self-supporting. At the request of the Board Prof. Muehlmeier made a second missionary tour through certain parts of this State, and found the way open for the organization of many new Missions. What we wish to do ought to be done soon.

NEBRASKA.

47. *Omaha*. Rev. Frederick Dieckmann, pastor. This Mission has lately been taken under the care of the Board. The missionary has been at work too short a time to furnish a detailed report of his field and his work therein.

A number of congregations in this Synod are burdened with heavy church debts. - Harrisburg, Wis.; New Albany, Ind.; Third Church, Cleveland; Wabasha, Minn.; and Kelley's Island congregations have received permission, respectively, to collect funds for their relief. Such permission, however, was only given on condition that in every case the church property be legally secured to the Reformed Church.

PITTSBURG SYNOD.

48. *Preston, Canada*. Rev. R. Luscher, pastor. This Mission has two congregations, one of which has an interest in a church property. It pays \$250 toward the pastor's salary and is not very promising.

NEW YORK.

49. *Ebenezer*. Rev. J. Knie, pastor. This Mission, eight miles from Buffalo, is a daughter of the Reformed Church of this city. The pastor has labored with great faithfulness and patience for several years and with marked success. Its growth has not been very rapid but substantial. During the past year the congregation

has built a neat church, at a cost of \$3,150.00, which was dedicated in September last. Of this amount \$1,500.00 are paid and \$1,900.00 are subscribed. The building of the church has proved a severe financial drain on the members, and has somewhat affected the pastor's salary. Still, it promises well for the future.

PENNSYLVANIA.

50. *Meadville*. Rev. D. D. Leberman, pastor. This congregation has well-nigh recovered from the injury it received some years ago, caused by the secession of part of its membership into an independent organization. It has a commodious new church edifice, on which it owes \$1,000.00. Recently a congregation has been connected with the Mission, which, while it increases the work of the pastor, secured a reduction of \$100.00 in the appropriation of the Board. The congregation occupies an important position in this city, and will at no distant day become self-supporting.

51. *London*. Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, supply. Both congregations of this Mission have their own churches, and are free of debt. Owing to removals and other causes the Mission has sustained a loss of 17 communicant and 6 baptized members during the past year. It does not promise to become self-supporting very soon, and there are no congregations near wherewith to strengthen it.

52. *Titusville*. Rev. J. Fuendeling, pastor. This Mission has grown rapidly during the brief but energetic pastorate of the present missionary. In June last the corner-stone of a new church was laid, at a very eligible location, which the Mission expects to dedicate by New Year. The building will cost \$13,000 00. It is expected to be dedicated free of debt. During the last missionary year it added 121 persons to its communicant membership. The congregation has built a parsonage to the Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa. The Mission abounds in good works toward the pastor and the Church at large, and will need no missionary support hereafter.

53. *Corry*. Vacant. A few months ago Rev. Geo. H. Johnston and Rev. J. Fuendeling organized this Mission, with 18 families. Since then the number has been increased. Corry is at the junction of the Erie, Allegheny Valley and Great Western Railroads, and promises to become a large and central town. There is no other German church in the place. The Mission is without a church building. The Presbyterian congregation, however, has

kindly offered the use of its church, when not used by itself. The Mission is prepared to give \$300 toward the support of a missionary.

54. *Kittanning and Emlenton*. Rev. L. B. Leasure, stated supply. This Mission consists of two congregations, 40 miles apart, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad. The congregation at Kittanning has a substantial brick church, neatly finished. It is encumbered by a debt of \$1,000, which the members would like to have paid. It has a class of 18 catechumens. Its benevolent offerings during the year amounted to \$119.66. The congregation at Emlenton owns a brick church jointly with the Lutheran congregation. It promised the missionary \$100 toward his support, but its subscription for this object exceeded its expectations, amounting to \$298.50. One of the members gave the congregation a cabinet organ, at a cost of \$350.

55. *Zion Valley*. Rev. J. Grant, pastor. One of the congregations of this Mission has its own church, the other expects soon to build one. The missionary feels encouraged with his labors, and the field is in a hopeful condition.

56. *Rimersburg*. Vacant. This is a new Mission, weak and not very hopeful. Besides two small congregations, it has a preaching point, where sooner or later one might be gathered. One congregation has a church, the other has a half-interest in one.

57. *Parker*. Vacant. This point was last spring abandoned by the missionary at Brady's Bend. Several dozen members of the Reformed Church remain, who are eager to be formed into a congregation, and would be willing to contribute several hundred dollars toward the support of a missionary. It is probable that this point will be strengthened with the addition of some neighboring congregations, and thereby render missionary support unnecessary.

58. *St. Paul's*, Pittsburg. Rev. A. Krahn, pastor. This Mission has an attractive new church, encumbered with a debt of \$6,000. Although small in membership it raises \$600 toward the pastor's support. For certain reasons, notwithstanding the ability and energetic labors of the pastor, the Mission has not grown as fast as some of its friends had expected. Still, it has been a success, and promises to become an influential congregation.

59. *Trinity Mission*, Wilksburg. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, pastor. In June last this Mission dedicated a neat gothic chapel, which it erected at a cost of \$3,300. A debt of \$1,000 remains on it. The

congregation is building a parsonage. Thus far this Mission has done remarkably well. With a few years more of fostering missionary care, it promises to become self-supporting.

60. *St. James Mission*, Pittsburg. Rev. Emanuel C. Mueller, pastor. This Mission was formerly cursed with an immoral pastor, whom the Westmoreland Classis has had to suspend from the ministry for the sin of drunkenness. This wickedness nearly proved the ruin of the congregation. Under the labors of the present pastor it has partly recovered from these sad effects. He not only faithfully attends to his pastoral duties, but also teaches the parochial school, and plays the organ during the service. The Mission has its own chapel and a parsonage. A debt of \$1,700 rests on its property.

61. *Tridelfia*, West Virginia. Vacant. This Mission has a substantial brick church, with a debt of \$400. The brethren J. Fuendeling and Dr. Muelder have partly supplied it. It will give \$200 toward a pastor's support, and with proper attention and care might in a few years become self-supporting.

62. *Johnstown*. Vacant. This Mission has a neat frame church, inconveniently located, on which a debt of \$600 remains. It has a nucleus of substantial English material. Liberal support from the Board, and a judicious faithful pastor, might, with the blessing of God, build up a good congregation in this thriving manufacturing center. Such places will always largely attract the membership of the Reformed Church from other congregations. Unless we furnish them with a spiritual home here, we must expect them to be absorbed by other denominations, or by the surrounding spirit of religious indifference.

63. *Ursina and Dale City*. Vacant. The congregation at Dale City owns a church jointly with the Lutheran congregation. At Ursina the congregation has two building lots, but as yet no church on them. Both are located along the railroad, in growing towns, and offer a fruitful field for missionary work.

64. *St. John's Mission*, Stoystown. Rev. J. W. Alspach, pastor. This is part of an old charge, which was seriously injured by measures foreign to the Reformed Church. The Mission promises to raise \$500 toward the pastor's salary. It is hoped that the labors of the missionary will be blessed to the permanent establishment of a prosperous charge.

65. *Bloody Run*. Rev. M. H. Sangree, pastor. This Mission

was organized out of a part of the Bedford and Friend's Cove charges. The missionary feels encouraged in his labors.

66. *South Bethlehem.* Rev. N. Z. Snyder, pastor. This congregation is in a rapidly growing town, and has proven a successful enterprise. A commodious new church has been built, the basement of which was dedicated a few weeks ago. A flourishing Sunday-school, and active membership, and a faithful pastor, give promise of a self-supporting congregation at no distant day.

MARYLAND.

67. *Cumberland.* Rev. C. Cast, pastor. This Mission owns a neat and substantial brick church, which costs \$5,500, of which sum \$2,300 have been paid. The property is worth much more than it cost. Next spring the congregation will get full possession of its church. It has been greatly prospered and has excellent prospects.

In addition to the foregoing we here append a statement of the Missions not reported by the Synodical Boards:

LANCASTER CLASSIS.—*Pennsylvania.*

68. *Columbia.* Vacant. This Mission has recently become vacant, through the resignation of its missionary, Rev. F. Pilgram. Under his pastoral care the congregation has grown in numbers and in working efficiency. A comfortable parsonage has been secured, upon which a small debt is still resting.

69. *Corydon,* Indiana. Rev. J. McConnell, pastor. This Mission has shown encouraging vigor and progress during its brief history.

70. *Watertown,* Wisconsin. Rev. L. Praikschat, pastor. This is a German Mission, with two congregations, in a populous German community, and gives hopes of becoming self-supporting at no distant day.

71. *St. John's Congregation,* Lancaster. Rev. W. T. Gerhard, pastor. This congregation was organized less than three years ago, out of the German material of the First Church, in Lancaster. By the blessing of God, and through the faithful labors of the pastor, the congregation has grown from a membership of less than 100 to 350. This people are at present building a large and churchly house of worship, in an eligible part of the city. The lecture room

of this building was dedicated a few weeks ago. The success of this enterprise shows the wisdom of establishing exclusively German congregations, especially in larger towns and cities, where there is much German material. After securing an appropriation of \$100 for last year, this congregation is now self-supporting.

72. *Second Reformed Church*, Harrisburg. Vacant. This congregation has been suffering for the want of a pastor. It has a neat frame church in a growing and neglected part of the city. Its Mission Sunday-school, under the efficient superintendency of Elder Seibert, is in a prosperous condition.

73. *Zwingli Congregation*, Harrisburg. Rev. H. Bielfeld, pastor. This Mission has erected a neat brick church, the basement of which it has occupied during the past year. It has been severely tried through the fall of its former pastor. After gaining the confidence and affection of the members, it was found that he was given to habits of vice, for which he was deposed from the ministry. Under the present pastor the congregation has commenced to recover from the sad effects of the degradation of this fallen man.

IOWA CLASSIS (English).

74. *Brandon Mission*. Rev. C. Cort, pastor. This Mission embraces three congregations, besides one preaching point. Two of the congregations were organized during the past year. The pastor expects soon to organize another congregation. He is much encouraged with his field.

75. *Maquoketa Mission*. Rev. George Weber, pastor. Maquoketa is a growing town, of 3,000 inhabitants, affording a fruitful field for missionary work. This Mission consists of two congregations and a number of promising preaching points. The pastor expects to resign shortly. This promising Mission ought not to be left vacant long.

76. *Blairstown*. Rev. J. Riale, pastor. This Mission consists of two congregations, one of which was organized during the past year. The congregation in Blairstown stands greatly in need of a church, which it is hoped this energetic flock will secure ere long. The Blairstown Academy is in the bounds of this Mission.

77. *Boulder Mission*. Rev. D. S. Fouse, pastor. This Mission includes three congregations, one of which was organized during the past year. This field will soon be self-supporting. It now raises almost the whole of its appropriation.

78. *San Francisco*, California. Rev. J. H. Krueger. This Mission is building a neat church, which is to be dedicated in December. Its membership, although not large, is very active and self-denying. There is much neglected material in this city, especially among the German population. The Mission promises well, but it must have help to liquidate its church debt. The building will cost \$4,000, of which \$2,000 will be needed from the Church at large.

79. *Los Angeles*, California. Rev. J. Wernly, pastor. This growing city is the gateway to Southern California. It is a wise selection for a Mission station. It has from 6,000 to 8,000 inhabitants, among whom are many Germans. The Mission was commenced less than six months ago. An active little flock has been gathered, with a promising Sunday-school. The congregation bought a lot, upon which a church is now being erected. Prompt assistance is needed to pay the debt.

80. *Stockton*, California. Rev. J. Muehlhaupt, pastor. This flock was gathered by Rev. F. Fox, and promises well to become a flourishing congregation. It is greatly in need of a church building, which is now in progress of erection.

In the above sketch we give but a part of the missionary work performed in the Reformed Church. Many bear the work and sacrifices of the missionary without getting his support. The Board of the Ohio Synod reports that fully one-half of its 126 ministers are doing missionary work. They minister to congregations that are not able to give them a proper support, without receiving help from the Board of Missions. The same is the case, more or less, in the other Synods. We will not dwell further on the discouraging aspects of our missionary field. Gratitude to God demands the recital of his favor and blessing upon our imperfect work. From forty Missions reported at the last meeting of the General Synod, the number has increased to 80. During the past year eight Missions have become self-supporting. The several District Synods are endeavoring to systematize their work. Successful efforts are being made to increase the missionary contributions in their charges, and to establish new congregations. To the Eastern Synod a large and ripe field has opened in North Carolina and in Virginia. This Synod commends these fields, along with the missionary claims of Iowa, to the liberality of its people. The Ohio Synod is vigorously striving to develop its resources, and to infuse system into its

benevolent operations. To the Northwest Synod the missionary work among the Germans is mainly committed. Their means are not commensurate to the wants of their vast field. We trust that when the contemplated German Synod in the East shall have been formed, this part of our operations can be more successfully prosecuted. It is wrong that a Church of German origin and cultus should allow English Churches to outrun it in missionary work among the vast German population of our country. The Pittsburg Synod has met with extraordinary success. Lately another English interest has been started in Allegheny City, under the care of Rev. G. B. Russell. Little over fifteen years ago he started the first Reformed congregation in Pittsburg. A few months ago he started the sixth. A lot has been bought with a building, soon to be converted into a neat gothic church. In the same city Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus is about organizing the seventh Reformed congregation. In no other city of this country has the missionary work of our Church succeeded so rapidly, and so well, as in Pittsburg; and no Synod has done so much in the same time as the young Synod of Pittsburg. The Reformed Church has at length gained, as we trust, a permanent foothold on the Pacific coast. Its three Missions, with three pastors, will enable us to organize a Reformed Classis in California. For the starting of these Missions the Church is greatly indebted to the energetic and self-denying labors of Rev. F. Fox, who was instrumental in organizing the congregation in San Francisco, and also the one in Stockton, California. The Board cordially commends the claims of California to the generous and prompt support of the Church. A kind Providence offers us a rare opportunity of establishing our beloved Zion at the "Golden Gateway," to the East. Once established there, it will be easier for us to occupy the territory intervening between the East and the Pacific coast. There remaineth yet much land to be possessed. Alas! that we should be so slow to occupy it. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

The Statistics of Missions are hereunto appended.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN, *President.*

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.	No. of Congress.	NAMES OF MISSIONS.	Unconfirmed Members.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Language.	Appropriations.	Beneficent Contributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
I. E. Graeff,	1	Tamaqua, Pa.	172	170	18	4	10	7	2	150 Mixed.	\$200	\$470 00	Tamaqua, Pa.
A. C. Whitmer,	1	Altoona, Pa.	210	188	35	11	16	9	1	125 English,	150	264 75	Altoona, Pa.
L. C. Sheip,	1	Doylstown, Pa.	59	75	8	12	5	2	1	90 Mixed,	200		Doylstown, Pa.
A. J. Heller,	1	Williamsport, Pa.	70	120	15	6	3	1	1	80 Mixed,	300		Williamsport, Pa.
Vacant,	3	Lykens, Pa.		92	8	2		1	1	56 Mixed,	100		Lykens, Pa.
J. S. Shade,	4	McConnellsburg, Pa.	172	158	31	12	7	14	4	275 Mixed.	100	152 77	McConnellsburg, Pa.
A. Romich,	1	St. Stephen's, Pa.	150	169	88	19		20	1	116 German,	500	28 00	2322 Parish St., Philadelphia, Pa.
J. Gantenheim,	1	St. Paul's, Pa.	150	170	38		34	6	1	160 German,	400	58 00	1542 Christian St., Phila., Pa.
J. G. Noss,	1	St. John's, Pa.	48	25		1	9	1	1	45 English,	400	5 00	529 North 37th St., Phila., Pa.
C. Keller,	1	Bridesburg, Pa.	107	42	6	6		2	1	100 German,	200	39 66	Bridesburg, Pa.
D. D. Leberman,	2	Meadville, Pa.	62	89		17	15	8	1	75 Mixed,	200	250 00	Meadville, Pa.
E. H. Dieffenbacher,	2	London, Pa.	62	89					2	150 Mixed,	200		Greenville, Pa.
J. Fuendeling,	1	Titusville, Pa.	215	216					1	German,	100	800 00	Titusville, Pa.
Vacant,	1	Corry, Pa.		50						Mixed,		139 16	Corry, Pa.
L. B. Leasure,	2	Kittug & Em'pton, Pa.		96	14	16					150	35 73	Rimersburg, Pa.
J. Grant,	2	Zion Valley, Pa.	60	65	9	12	11		1	63 English,	200		
Vacant,	1	Rimersburg, Pa.	75	55						Mixed,	200		
Vacant,	1	Parker, Pa.		25							200		
A. Krahn,	1	St. Paul's, Pa.	43	63	20	8	16		1	75 German,	500	19 00	Pittsburg, Pa.
T. F. Stauffer,	1	Trinity, Pa.		35					1	65 English,	500		Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co., Pa.
I. C. Mueller,	1	St. James, Pa.	51	56		10	10			German,	150		Pittsburg, Pa.
Vacant,	1	Triadelphia, West Va.	30	35						German,	150		Triadelphia, West Virginia
Vacant,	1	Johnstown, Pa.		95						Mixed,	375		Johnstown, Pa.
J. W. Alspach,	2	Ursina and Dale, Pa.	100	95						Mixed,	100	100 00	Dale City, Pa.
M. H. Sangree,	2	St. John's, Pa.	180	130		3	1	10	4		200		
N. Z. Snyder,	4	Bloody Run, Pa.	170	150		3	1	10	4		600	13 50	
	1	South Bethlehem, Pa.	120	123	15	9	25	1	1				

*Increase, 121 Communicant Members, and 121 Baptized Members.

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.	No. of Congreg.s.	NAMES OF MISSIONS.	Uncon- firmed Members.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Language.	Appropriations.	Benevolent Con- tributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS
Vacant,	1	Columbia, Pa.	64	83	15	5	4	3	1	90	Mixed,	\$300	\$63 40	Columbia, Pa.
W. T. Gerhard,	1	Lancaster, Pa.	175	353	29	23	27	16	1	163	German,	100	46 00	Lancaster, Pa.
H. Bielfeld,	1	Zwingli Congregation,	41	54	3	12	3	1	36	German,	350	14 36	14 36	Harrisburg, Pa.
Vacant,	1	2d Ch., Harrisburg, Pa.	52	86	6	9	5	4	1	85	German,	250	300 00	Harrisburg, Pa.
J. Weiker.	1	New York City Port.	74	94	4				1	70	German,	50		Box 1310, New York City.
J. Knie,	1	Elbenzer, N. Y.	88	168	18	14	10	1	150	German,	100	75		Elbenzer, N. Y.
R. Luscher,	2	Preston, Canada.	60	126	10	6	7	2	1	70	German,	150	39 00	Preston, Canada West.
Augustus Lepp,	2	Rahway, N. J.	32	41	2	3	3	1	32	English,	400	51 00		Rahway, N. J.
Charles Becker,	1	Glassboro, N. J.	200	350	50	27	63	37	1	250	German,	500	119 50	Glassboro, N. J.
Vacant,	1	Camden, Del.	67	100	12	30	26	1	58	English,	200	25 00	32 00	Camden, Del.
J. C. Hauser,	1	16th Ref. Ch., Balt., Md.	57	98	4	2	2	1	1	200	English,	500	119 50	483 W. Saratoga St., Balt., Md.
T. L. Poulson,	1	1st E. R. Ch., Balt., Md.	67	100	12	30	26	1	58	English,	200	25 00	32 00	Baltimore, Md.
C. Cast,	2	Cumberland, Md.	57	98	4	2	2	1	1	200	English,	500	32 00	Cumberland, Md.
M. L. Shuford,	2	Winchester, Va.	57	98	4	2	2	1	1	200	English,	400	32 00	Winchester, Va.
Vacant,	1	1st R. Ch., Wash., D. C.	59	80						36.	English,	100		Washington, D. C.
J. Michael,	3	Liberty Center, O.	75						Ad's 2 y.	15.	English,	500		Liberty Center, O.
Vacant,	1	Church of the Cross.	75						"	"	English,	500		Cincinnati, O.
Joseph H. Apple,	2	Germantown, O.	64						"	9.	English,	200		Germantown, O.
G. Z. Mechling,	2	Hamilton, O.	74						"	12.	English,	200		Hamilton, O.
William Stechow,	1	Brown Co., O.	104						"	12.	English,	100		Arnheim, Brown Co., O.
J. S. Gough,	1	Bradford, O.	261						"	37.	English,	100		Bradford, O.
J. May,	4	Heidelberg Charge.	261						"	37.	English,	100		Findlay, Hancock Co., O.
H. Willard,	1	Galion, O.	30	29	3	2	3	1	1	45	German,	300		Lancaster, O.
W. Renter,	2	Island Mission, O.	85	74	7	4	2	1	1	43	German,	100	69 49	Kelley's Island, O.
I. Matzinger,	2	Ashland, O.	150	130	12	4	5	7	2	80	German,	100	45 25	Ashland, O.
P. Ruhl,	4	Kenton, O.	84	106	20	14	5	2	8	100	German,	100	18 50	Kenton, Hardin Co., O.
P. Schuelke,	1	3d Ch., Cleveland, O.	84	106	20	14	5	2	8	100	German,	100	21 07	Cleveland, O.

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MISSIONARY SUMMARY.

We have 80 Missions, scattered over 17 States; 13 are vacant, 41 Missions are west of the Allegheny Mountains, 29 are in Pennsylvania. As to language, Missions are German, English, mixed. The appropriations as reported for the last year amount to about \$15,000. In 8 charges the appropriations are not reported. During the year 8 Missions have become self-supporting. The Missions number about 125 congregations, 7,000 members, 160 Sunday-schools, and 4,000 Sunday-school scholars. During the year about 750 persons were baptized, and 400 confirmed.

4. *Report of Treasurer of Home Missions.*

Chas. Santee, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Amount received from November 26, 1869, to November 26, 1872, from Classes composing the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

CLASSES.	1870.	1871.	1872.	TOTAL.
1 Philadelphia	\$1,412 65	\$1,126 23	\$382 53	\$2,921 41
2 East Pennsylvania	996 46	1,217 94	415 95	2,629 35
3 Goshenhoppen	1,294 06	923 39	320 60	2,538 05
4 Lebanon	805 15	1,024 59	260 03	2,089 77
5 Mercersburg	916 61	593 88	227 94	1,738 43
6 East Susquehanna	832 36	643 83	205 68	1,681 87
7 West Susquehanna	278 05	563 77	273 35	1,115 17
8 Lancaster	392 73	366 44	63 00	822 17
9 Zion	393 78	296 37	36 25	726 40
10 Maryland	165 75	217 77	325 87	709 39
11 Virginia	135 00	160 83		295 83
12 New York	107 19	59 00	90 05	256 24
				<hr/> \$17,524 08

Amount received from November 26, 1869, to November 26, 1872, from Classes composing the Synod of Ohio:

CLASSES.	1870.	1871.	1872.	TOTAL.
1 Miami	\$114 15			\$114 15
2 Iowa	425 75	\$95 00	\$82 60	603 35
3 St. John's	238 83	31 25	5 00	274 58
4 Tiffin	135 31	26 11	18 14	179 56
5 Eastern Ohio	54 25	66 57		120 82
6 Illinois	37 55	23 32		60 87
7 Tuscarawas	13 85			13 85
				<hr/> \$1,367 18

Amount received from November 26, 1869, to November 26, 1872, from Classes composing the Synod of Pittsburg:

CLASSES.	1870.	1871.	1872.	TOTAL.
1 West New York.....		\$84 32		\$84 32
2 Westmoreland.....	\$22 58	5 00		27 58
				<hr/> \$111 90

Amount received from November 26, 1869, to November 26, 1872, from Classes composing the Northwestern Synod:

CLASSES.	1870.	1871.	1872.	TOTAL.
1 Erie.....	\$173 92	\$12 70		\$186 62
2 Milwaukee.....	32 59	70 77	\$5 00	108 36
3 Indiana.....	66 80			66 80
4 Sheboygan.....	51 00			51 00
5 St. Joseph.....	17 95			17 95
Treasurer of Northwestern Synod.....	250 00			250 00
				<hr/> \$680 73

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from the Synod in the United States.....	\$17,524 08
“ “ “ “ of Ohio.....	1,367 18
“ “ “ Northwestern Synod.....	680 73
“ “ “ Pittsburg Synod.....	111 90
	<hr/> \$19,683 89

By amount paid out from November 26, 1869, to November 26, 1872.. \$19,742 95
November, 26, 1872, balance due the Treasurer..... 59 06

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

5. Report of Treasurer of Church Extension Fund.

George Gelbach, Treasurer of Church Extension Fund, in account with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Moneys received from November 26, 1869, to November 12, 1872, inclusive:

DR.

Classis of East Pennsylvania.....	\$430 00
Lebanon.....	2,689 61
Zion.....	212 85
Maryland.....	777 23
Virginia.....	124 00
Philadelphia.....	2,527 20
Mercersburg.....	442 80
Goshenhoppen.....	342 58
Lancaster.....	191 50
East Susquehanna.....	208 93
West “.....	676 23
Ohio Synod.....	86 01
Northwestern Synod.....	311 81
Elder W. T. Albert, Pueblo, Colorado.....	5 00
Interest on bonds.....	20 20
United States bond sold.....	113 75
	<hr/> \$9,159 70

ASSETS.

Loan to Rev. J. Miller (note).....	\$600 00
“ Chicago Reformed Church (note).....	108 00

Moneys paid out from December 11, 1869, to November 12, 1872, inclusive. To whom and what churches paid:

1869.	CR.	
Dec. 11,	Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse.....	\$36 25
1870.		
Jan. 12,	Rev. H. L. Grandlienard	25 75
13,	“ “	10 70
27,	Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock.....	45 20
Feb. 8,	“ “	25 00
26,	Rev. L. K. Evans	15 00
Mar. 7,	W. D. C. Rodrock	25 00
18,	“ “	90 00
23,	L. K. Evans.....	25 00
Apr. 7,	W. D. C. Rodrock	9 00
14,	St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa.....	89 66
26,	Rev. D. E. Klopp	560 00
27,	W. D. C. Rodrock	20 00
May 11,	L. K. Evans	127 00
16,	“ “	25 00
18,	“ “	20 00
18,	W. D. C. Rodrock	25 00
26,	L. K. Evans	109 93
30,	“ “	89 65
Ang. 24,	W. D. C. Rodrock	28 70
26,	“ “	50 00
Sept. 6,	“ “	15 00
13,	Josiah May	48 00
Oct. 3,	W. D. C. Rodrock	10 00
3,	L. K. Evans	25 35
17,	C. A. Rittenhouse	11 00
18,	For Reformed Church, North Wales.....	12 56
Nov. 8,	Rev. C. A. Rittenhouse.....	33 00
8,	W. D. C. Rodrock	10 00
30,	L. K. Evans.....	31 98
Dec. 5,	“ “	62 25
8,	“ “	25 00
4,	C. A. Rittenhouse	25 00
4,	H. Schall	50 00
4,	A. F. Zulich	25 00
20,	C. A. Rittenhouse	50 00
31,	John Wiest, late Treasurer of Church Extension Fund..	944 00
31,	Amount paid Zion's Church, Egg Harbor.....	836 24
1871.		
Jan. 3,	Rev. B. R. Huecker, Alma, Wis.....	307 81
3,	St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa.....	100 00
3,	Rev. A. F. Zulich	271 55
18,	D. S. Fouse.....	50 00
18,	W. D. C. Rodrock	10 00
20,	“ “	8 00
27,	“ “	35 00
Feb. 3,	L. K. Evans.....	29 45
11,	A. F. Zulich.....	65 78

Carried over, \$4,446 61

		Amount brought forward,	\$4,446 61
1871.			
Feb. 13,	Rev. D. S. Fouse.....	45 00	
13,	C. A. Rittenhouse.....	60 00	
Mar. 16,	St. John's Mission, West Philadelphia	188 60	
Apr. 14,	“ “ Reading, Pa.....	125 00	
14,	Rev. A. F. Zulich.....	61 00	
27,	D. S. Fouse.....	13 25	
29,	L. K. Evans.....	11 70	
May 8,	A. F. Zulich.....	78 00	
8,	Max Frankel.....	10 00	
11,	“.....	50 00	
12,	L. K. Evans.....	14 01	
15,	A. F. Zulich.....	170 25	
15,	St. John's Mission, West Philadelphia	104 82	
27,	Rev. A. F. Zulich.....	11 25	
June 1,	W. D. C. Rodrock.....	10 00	
1,	W. M. Landis.....	5 84	
8,	A. F. Zulich.....	16 00	
9,	St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa.....	100 00	
28,	Rev. A. F. Zulich.....	12 88	
28,	St. John's Mission, West Philadelphia	121 00	
Aug. 11,	Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock.....	15 00	
11,	E. R. Hinske.....	275 50	
22,	L. K. Evans.....	22 94	
Sept. 23,	W. D. C. Rodrock.....	15 00	
23,	St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa.....	400 00	
23,	Rev. A. F. Zulich.....	95 00	
20,	J. Naille.....	10 00	
23,	C. Borchert.....	20 00	
Oct. 2,	“.....	22 00	
2,	A. F. Zulich.....	22 00	
2,	L. K. Evans.....	15 00	
2,	W. D. C. Rodrock.....	18 90	
7,	St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa.....	100 00	
13,	Rev. Max Frankel.....	25 00	
Nov. 29,	M. L. Shuford.....	194 05	
1872.			
Jan. 8,	Elder D. Dickel, Harrisburg, Pa.....	25 00	
8,	Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock.....	5 00	
8,	M. L. Shuford.....	89 75	
8,	C. A. Rittenhouse.....	319 00	
8,	M. L. Shuford.....	12 00	
24,	M. G. I. Stern.....	5 00	
24,	J. A. Smith.....	5 00	
Feb. 7,	J. B. Shumaker.....	50 00	
7,	Elder D. Dickel, Harrisburg, Pa.....	6 00	
Mar. 2,	St. John's Mission, West Philadelphia	18 79	
11,	Rev. A. Schroeder.....	50 00	
Apr. 4,	St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa.....	150 00	
9,	Rev. M. L. Shuford.....	286 10	
26,	Zion's Church, Egg Harbor.....	100 00	
May 21,	Elder D. Dickel, Harrisburg, Pa.....	50 00	
13,	Rev. A. J. Heller.....	63 45	
14,	M. L. Shuford.....	62 26	
20,	A. J. Heller.....	33 50	
28,	“.....	42 41	
June 3,	T. L. Poulson.....	20 00	
July 24,	St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa.....	75 00	
		Carried over,	\$8,411 06

1872.	Amount brought forward,	\$8,411 06
Aug. 1,	Rev. M. L. Shuford.....	57 00
Oct. 10,	St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa.....	250 00
15,	“ “ “.....	700 00
15,	Rev. F. W. Dechant.....	5 00
15,	D. S. Fouse.....	25 00
22,	St. John's Mission, Reading, Pa.....	350 00
23,	Rev. A. Stoll, New Breslau, N. Y.....	322 80
30,	F. W. Dechant.....	132 50
Nov. 12,	Elder Schmidt, for St. John's, Bradford Co., Pa.....	50 00
		<hr/> \$10,303 36

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received from November 26, 1869, to November 12, 1872....	\$9,159 70
“ paid “ “ “ “ “.....	10,303 36
Balance due Treasurer.....	<hr/> \$1,143 66

GEO. GELBACH, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the account of the Treasurer of Church Extension Fund, and find the same correct.

WM. D. GROSS,
JACOB Y. DIETZ, } *Auditing Committee.*

PHILADELPHIA, November 19, 1872.

6. Report of Standing Committee on Missions.

The Standing Committee on Missions submitted their report, which was received, amended, and, together with the foregoing reports, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Missions would respectfully report, that the following documents were placed in their hands:

I. The action of the Board of Foreign Missions.

II. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

III. A communication from Rev. John F. Busche, President of the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the U. S., setting forth the condition and prospects of the Mission under its care in East India, and asking the continued co-operation of this Synod.

IV. The report of the Board of Home Missions.

V. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

VI. The report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund.

VII. A communication from Revs. J. Wernly, J. H. Krueger, and J. Mühlhaupt, ministers of the Reformed Church, laboring in California, setting forth the condition, prospects and necessities of the Mission field on the golden shores of the Pacific coast.

Your Committee has carefully considered the several documents placed in our hands, together with the items referred to us.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the report of the Board of Foreign Missions it appears that no definite action has been taken toward securing a foreign field for separate missionary operation as a Church. In the judgment of the Board we are not at this time prepared to institute such a separate Mission, and therefore suggest the equal division of the funds now in the treasury between the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

From the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions we learn that the finances of the Board have been well managed, and that the instruction of the last Synod was obeyed, and that moneys and the interest of the amount in hand were paid over to the German Evangelical Missionary Society, to the amount of \$875.20.

During the year 1871 a legacy and donation to the amount of \$1000.00 came into the hands of the Treasurer, so that at the time of making up this report, November 27, 1872, the sum of \$3,331.74 remained in the treasury.

From the communication of Rev. John F. Busche, President of the German Evangelical Missionary Society, we learn that its Missionary operations in East India have met with signal success, and that the future of this field is most hopeful and encouraging. He expresses the appreciation and gratitude of the Society for the help afforded by this Synod, and asks our continued co-operation. We can not but feel the deepest interest in the success of the Mission of this Society, and ought thereby to be stimulated to greater efficiency and activity in behalf of the foreign field, for which so little has been done of late years.

Your Committee is of the opinion that there exists no reason why we, as a Church, may not have a Mission of our own in the foreign field, and that we can not any longer afford to be without such a field. We therefore submit the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we instruct the Board of Foreign Missions to open a correspondence with the Foreign Missionary Board of the Reformed Church in America, looking toward the sending of a

missionary from our own Church to India or China, to labor in the neighborhood of and in general sympathy with their missionaries already in the field.

Resolved, That in the meantime this Synod recommend to all the pastors and congregations of the Reformed Church, to co-operate with the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States, and that the annual interest of the money, at present in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, be paid to the aforesaid Society, until such time as we are prepared to commence a Mission of our own.

HOME MISSIONS.

The report of the Board of Home Missions shows that so far as reported there are 80 Missions under the care of the several Missionary Boards of the District Synods. 40 of these were taken up since the last report, and 8 have become self-supporting. These Missions number 125 congregations, 7,000 members, 160 Sunday-schools, and 4,000 Sunday-school scholars. During the year about 750 persons were baptized, and 400 confirmed.

Since the last report the General Board has handed over all its Missions to the several District Synods within whose bounds they are located, so that at this time the General Board has no Missions directly under its control. This seems to have been a necessity under the circumstances of the case. Your Committee, however, is of the opinion that the constitution intends that all the Missions of this Synod should be under the control of this Board. Whatever organizations may exist in the several District Synods, should be auxiliary to the General Board, and act as its agents and representatives.

The report is an interesting document, and speaks in the most commendatory terms of the self-denial shown by many of our missionaries, and of the promising state of our whole missionary work. We recommend that the report be adopted and published entire in the Minutes of the General Synod.

The Treasurer of the Board reports a total of \$19,683.89 received during the past three years; due the Treasurer \$59.06. From the published reports of the Treasurers of the several District Synods' Boards, we learn that there were contributed \$12,916.89 additional, making a total, so far as we can learn, of \$33,600.78.

The Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund reports the amount received, \$9,159.70; the amount expended, \$10,303.36; balance

due the Treasurer, \$1,143 66. From the above statement it will be seen that during the past three years the Church at large has contributed for Home Missions and Church Extension, so far as reported, the sum of \$42,760.48.

It is scarcely necessary to say that this exhibit is not creditable to us as a Church, and that it clearly shows that we have not done what we could or should have done for this cause. The many other objects that have claimed the attention of the Church have no doubt in part contributed to this result. It is probable, however, that it is also due in part to the form in which the work is carried forward. What is necessary in the opinion of your Committee is that the work of Missions should be more directly carried forward by the Classes of the respective District Synods, and that these Classes should be auxiliary to the Boards of the District Synods within whose bounds they are, and that the Boards of the District Synods should be auxiliary to the General Board. In this way we believe the heart of the Church could be more readily reached and consequently increased contributions be obtained, while at the same time the work of Missions would be carried forward more in accordance with the constitution.

There are loud and urgent calls upon us for a more vigorous and liberal prosecution of the missionary work in every part of our country—East and West, North and South. Accordingly we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the amount of indebtedness to the General Board be apportioned according to the membership of the several District Synods.

2. *Resolved*, That the Classes of this Synod and the pastors belonging thereto, be and hereby are instructed to present earnestly the cause of Missions to the members of the Church, and endeavor to obtain as large contributions for missionary purposes as possible.

With regard to the appeal for sympathy and aid from the brethren, Revs. J. Wernly, J. H. Krueger, and J. Mühlhaupt, of California, we would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure of the establishment of our Reformed Zion on the Pacific coast, and that we commend these Missions to the sympathy and support of our congregations.

WHEREAS, The California Mission, for which the General Synod

has pledged itself to its support, is not, as yet, under the control or supervision of any of the Boards of Missions; therefore,

Resolved, That before the Mission of California is recognized as a Mission of the Reformed Church in the United States, and the moneys collected and pledged by this Synod are paid over to said Mission, it be requested to place itself under the supervision of one of the Boards of Mission in the Reformed Church of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

7. *The Election of the Boards.*

Board of Home Missions.—Revs. Geo. B. Russell, John Vogt, Nicholas Gehr, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, Franklin K. Levan, Dr. Charles F. McCauley, Henry Hilbish, Lucian J. Mayer. Elders Wm. D. Gross, George Gelbach, Henry Leonard, Wm. E. Schmertz.

Board of Foreign Missions.—Revs. Dr. Herman Rust, Dr. David Winters, Dr. Dietrich Willers, Dr. Daniel Zacharias, Wm. K. Zieber, Dr. Thos. S. Johnston, Jacob Dahلمان, Jr., Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger. Elders Goldsboro S. Griffith, Rudolph F. Kelker, Wm. D. Gross, Wm. H. Seibert.

The Classis of Minnesota, as reported by the Committee on the Official Reports of Classes, presented a petition, from the Rev. George Kurtzman, Rochester, Minnesota, to this General Synod, asking the privilege of collecting funds within the bounds of the District Synod in the United States, for the purpose of the erection of a house of worship in Rochester. The petition was referred for consideration to the Board of Missions of the Synod in the United States.

In accordance with the ordering of the General Synod, on Friday evening, the third day of the sessions, the missionary anniversary of the General Board of Missions was observed in the First Reformed Church, with appropriate services. An address was delivered by the Rev. Marcus Bachman, in the German, and one by the Rev. John W. Steimetz, in the English language. The Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., the President of the General

Board, followed with a brief statement respecting the field before us as a Church, and the work and results of the past three years. The services, as a whole, were of an interesting and impressive character. And, as tangible results of the anniversary, subscriptions amounting to \$386, together with a collection of \$60, were secured in behalf of the California Mission.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. ORPHANS' HOME.

The following, as presented by the President and Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, is the

1. *Report of the Board of Directors.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :—

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Three years have passed since we made our last report as Superintendent of the Orphans' Home of the Shepherd of the Lambs at Womelsdorf. Then we reported that the Home was still \$18,000 in debt on the property. That debt was canceled in the two years succeeding that report. At the anniversary in July, 1872, we had a general thanksgiving that the Home was free. About six thousand persons were present at that festival. Besides this sum there have been maintained during the past three years an average of one hundred orphans, at a cost of \$100 each per year; for food, clothing and education, \$30,000+ \$18,000=\$48,000. The debt is paid, but we still need the support of the kind hearts and hands who have through love of God and his homeless ones helped us thus far to meet the ever increasing demands for the admission of destitute orphans, and our income to meet the pressing demands upon this Home ought to be \$12,000 a year. The property of the Home consists of one main brick building, 120x36 feet, four stories high; a frame attachment, 30x60 feet, two stories high; a bake-house, smoke-house, spring-house, shoe-shop and carpenter-shop, and a large shed; besides twenty-six acres of land, eighteen clear, the rest wood. The products of the eighteen acres average \$800 a year. We ought to have at least one hun-

dred acres to give proper employ to our children, and assist in their support.

The health of the Home has been uncommonly good. While the whole country around has been afflicted with the small pox pest, not a single case reached us. God, in his protecting mercy, was with us. In six years only two children have died, and one of these of a constitutional disease. From the time of the founding of this Home two hundred and forty children have been connected with it, of whom one hundred and forty-five have gone into the various occupations of life. For the last four years we have a regular church organization, and about forty of the orphans have been confirmed. We celebrate communion four times a year. The Home is situated at the base of the South Mountain, in Berks County, Pennsylvania, near the line of Lebanon County, in the jurisdiction of Lebanon Classis. The orphans drink from one of the finest and purest springs in the land. We have three teachers and five other helps to the Home. One orphan entered the Freshman Class of Palatinate College out of the Home, and is now a Junior in Franklin and Marshall College, on his course to the holy ministry, and has made an average grade of 94-100 in the test examination.

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN, *President*.

DANIEL B. ALBRIGHT, *Superintendent*.

N. B. The Board of Managers consist of Revs. Benjamin Bausman, D. D.; Charles H. Leinbach, Peter S. Fisher, Daniel B. Albright, Hon. Joseph Laubach, David Schall, Isaac McHose, Adam Leisze, George Gelbach, William D. Gross, John Wiest, N. Wetzel, and Joseph Coblentz, M. D.

2. *Report of the Committee on Orphans' Homes.*

The Stauding Committee on Orphans' Homes submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Orphans' Homes respectfully submit the following report:

But one document has been placed in our hands—the report of the President and Superintendent of the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf. The debt resting upon that institution three years ago has been canceled, and its condition, as set forth in the report, is such as to call for devout gratitude to God, who has put it into the hearts of his people to devise liberal things, and to provide for the feeding, clothing and religious training of the lambs of Christ. The

work accomplished by this Home and the one at Butler, Pennsylvania, is one that commends itself to the Church, and calls for continued prosecution on a more extended and liberal scale. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the cause of the orphans be commended to the cordial sympathy and support of all our pastors, Sunday-schools and members, and that they be requested to continue, and, if possible, increase their contributions to the Homes at Womelsdorf and Butler, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. FOULK, *Chairman*.

3. *The Following Persons were Elected as Members of the Board of Directors of Orphans' Homes :*

Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., and Elder William E. Schmertz.

II. AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

During the forenoon session of the seventh day (Tuesday) of the sessions, the Rev. William Herr, Agent of the American Bible Society, appeared in Synod, and, by permission of Synod, made some statements respecting the Bible cause and the Society's operations. After hearing him, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the statements heard from said Agent, in regard to the Bible cause, be referred to a special committee.

The Committee consists of Revs. Prof. Jacob C. Clapp, William McCaughey, William B. Sandoe, and Elders Jacob Greenameier and John Wiest (Zion's).

This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee, to whom were referred the statements respecting the Bible cause, would submit the following for adoption :

WHEREAS, There is a strong tendency in certain scientific circles, and elsewhere, to invalidate the authority and divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, and to abridge their circulation ; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this General Synod are deeply interested in the circulation of the Bible, and in the defense of its truths, and their inculcation in the minds of the young.

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with the American

Bible Society in its great and good work, and that we earnestly commend its support to all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB C. CLAPP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

1. The Committee on Minutes of the General Synod (Item 6) called the attention of the General Synod to the fact that the "Sunday School Association," when originated in 1863, was required to provide a form of constitution for the government of its affairs, which, however, had not yet been prepared nor adopted by the General Synod.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the preparation of such a constitution be referred to the Board of Sunday School Association.

2. The following persons were elected members of the Board of Sunday School Association:

Revs. David Van Horne, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, Samuel Mease, Dr. Herman Rust, George B. Russell, Isaac H. Reiter, and Elders Goldsboro, S. Griffith and Charles Santee.

3. The Committee on Official Reports of Classes reported a request from the Eastern Ohio Classes, asking the General Synod to adopt specific laws and rules for the government of our Sunday-schools, and also to engage in the preparation of lessons in harmony with the Heidelberg Catechism. This request was referred for consideration to the Board of Sunday School Association.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

I. THE SUPER APPEAL CASE.

It was reported through the Committee on Overtures, that an appeal had been taken by Rev. Prof. Henry W. Super, from the

action adopted by the District Synod in the United States, convened in Martinsburg, West Virginia, in October, 1872, in regard to teachers of theology, calling in question the constitutional right of Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger to instruct students in theological studies, pronouncing his course in the matter disorderly, and enjoining upon him to desist from imparting such instructions. The appeal, together with the papers pertaining thereto, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., Isaac E. Graeff, William Rupp, S. N. L. Kessler, and Elders Jacob Greenameier, William H. Seibert and Gottlieb Gerst, to examine whether it be in order, and, if found in order, to report the manner in which it is to be considered by Synod. This Committee presented the following report, during the morning session on Saturday, which was received and adopted :

The undersigned, a majority of the Committee to whom were referred certain documents and items relating to the appeal of Rev. Prof. Henry W. Super, from the decision of the late Synod of Martinsburg, in respect to Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., pronouncing his conduct disorderly, without any regular trial, or any opportunity of explanation or defense, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the whole subject, and think that the sacred right of appeal should be carefully maintained.

1. That they find the appeal is in order.
2. That the trial of the case be made the order of the day on Monday morning at ten o'clock.
3. That all the documents in the case be read.
4. That twenty minutes be allowed to the appellant to be heard by his counsel.
5. That the District Synod in the United States be allowed fifty minutes in defense, by such counsel as its officers may select.
6. That the appellant be allowed thirty minutes to close the case.
7. That the members of the General Synod be then heard, no one to speak longer than ten minutes, nor more than once.
8. That the Synod shall then decide the case on the appeal by yeas and nays.

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH H. GOOD,
S. N. L. KESSLER,
GOTTLIEB GERST,
JACOB GREENAMEIER, *Committee.*

At the time appointed, the appeal was taken up. The records and papers in the case were read. The appellant was heard through his counsel, the Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, in support of the appeal; and the District Synod was heard in reply by its counsel, the Rev. Dr. El Nathan E. Higbee and Elder Charles M. Boush. The members of Synod were also heard on the merits of the general subject involved. The Synod then proceeded to vote in the case, and the appeal was sustained by 100 yeas to 78 nays, and seven not voting, having voted in the lower court, at Martinsburg, West Virginia, as follows:

YEAS.—Revs. A. Spangler, A. Wanner, M. Bachman, F. A. Rupley, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Dr. E. H. Nevin, D. E. Klopp, M. S. Rowland, G. Neeff, W. Sorber, J. C. Clapp, Dr. G. W. Welker, A. Lepp, W. McCaughey, I. H. Reiter, Dr. D. Winters, S. Mease, J. Richards, G. Z. Meehling, C. W. Hoyman, H. Williard, J. C. Henneman, S. C. Goss, J. Steiner, N. H. Loose, Dr. J. H. Good, Dr. G. W. Williard, W. H. Fenneman, H. Korthauer, C. Schiller, P. Greding, H. Wilson, C. G. A. Hullhorst, C. G. Ziph, H. Hilbish, J. Schlosser, F. R. Schwedes, P. H. Dippell, W. B. Sandoe, P. Kohl, J. H. Klein, S. N. L. Kessler, C. T. Martin, P. Vitz, H. A. Muehlmeier, Dr. J. Bossard, J. Winter, D. Zimmerman, J. Klingler, A. Toensmeier, C. Schaaf, F. Forwick, A. Becker, C. H. Schoepfle.

Elders.—J. Beaver, S. R. Weaver, W. Shull, J. Wiest (Zion's), H. Kafauver, J. Force, J. Wiest (Philadelphia), W. Brownback, J. Smith, W. L. Graver, Dr. T. Ingram, S. M. Finger, S. Lantz, B. Kuhns, M. Marquis, J. Swander, D. W. Nieble, J. Haller, G. W. Tussing, P. Bugh, T. W. Chapman, D. Waltz, J. Bolender, P. Fry, H. Bacher, C. Myers, Dr. C. J. Geiger, C. Kratz, L. Zellner, J. Greenameier, R. Bell, E. Vordermark, W. Miller, P. Loose, J. Zeehiel, J. W. Brown, G. Gerst, B. Overesch, E. F. Oslage, F. Stockmeyer, L. Kaltschmid, M. Mueller, J. J. Schaublin, L. Biehl, J. Dechow and J. Wentz.

NAYS.—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, S. A. Leinbach, A. J. G. Dubbs, I. K. Loos, Dr. B. Bausman, I. E. Graeff, D. B. Albright, T. C. Leinbach, Dr. J. O. Miller, J. S. Foulk, J. S. Kieffer, W. Goodrich, E. R. Eschbach, G. H. Martin, S. K. Kremer, J. A. Peters, P. S. Davis, Dr. E. E. Higbee, A. C. Whitmer, W. M. Deatrick, T. O. Stem, G. W. Aughinbaugh, L. D. Leberman, L. J. Mayer, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, W. H. H. Snyder, F. Pilgram, C. U. Heilman, J. W. Steinmetz, C. S. Gerhard, H. Mosser, D. M. Wolf

J. K. Millet, W. H. Groh, C. Cort, F. C. Bauman, G. M. Albright, J. G. Shoemaker, J. Fuendeling, J. Kretzing, J. I. Swander, J. F. Snyder, W. Rupp, A. B. Koplin, G. B. Russell, T. J. Barkley, J. A. Hoffheins.

Elders.—G. H. Stem, J. K. Dech, J. T. Reber, S. Withers, J. Rodenmayer, G. Harbaugh, W. H. Bargelt, J. Heyser, G. H. Mengel, I. M. Neff, J. L. Reifsnyder, D. B. Mauger, H. Weisel, P. B. Lerch, D. Appenzeller, W. M. Nevin, E. J. Zahm, W. H. Seibert, H. Rupp, J. Hofford, J. Frederick, H. Witmer, S. Wildasin, D. Cort, A. Wiant, C. M. Boush, G. Bair, W. R. Barnhart, P. Hay, S. G. Lohr and T. J. Craig.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to prepare a paper defining the points decided by the vote of the General Synod in the Super appeal case, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the District Synod in the United States.

The Committee consists of Revs. David Van Horne, David E. Klopp, Charles Schaaf, and Elders E. Vordermark and Thomas W. Chapman.

This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to draw up a paper in regard to the points decided in sustaining the appeal of Rev. Prof. Henry W. Super against the Synod of Martinsburg, beg leave respectfully to report:

1. That the General Synod has decided that the conduct of Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and those associated with him, in Ursinus College, in giving theological instruction at the request of the Board of Directors, is not disorderly nor contrary to the Constitution of the Reformed Church, although they have not been invested with the office of Teacher of Theology by, nor are conducting their theological teaching under, the direction of the Synod in the United States.

2. That the General Synod has decided that the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States acted unconstitutionally in assuming original jurisdiction in the case of one of the ministers of the Classis of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE,
DAVID E. KLOPP,
CHARLES SCHAAF,
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN,
E. VORDERMARK, *Committee*.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to furnish an official copy of the foregoing action to the District Synod in the United States.

As regards the *Memorial* of Philadelphia Classis, as reported by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, asking General Synod, as the Supreme Judicatory of the Church, to be protected in its rights as individuals and as a Classis, against the action of the late Synod of the United States at Martinsburg, the delegation of said Classis were, on their request, permitted to withdraw the said Memorial.

II. THE HEYSER APPEAL CASE.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Pittsburg Synod reported an appeal by Rev. H. C. Heyser, from the decision of the Pittsburg Synod, sustaining the action of St. Paul's Classis in dissolving the pastoral relation between him and the Shenango charge. It was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. Spangler Kieffer, Lawrence D. Leberman, Frederick C. Bauman, and Elders Jacob Wentz and Conrad Myers, to examine whether the appeal be in order, and, if found in order, to designate the manner in which it is to be taken up. This Committee submitted the following report during the afternoon session of the eighth day of the sessions, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the item in the Minutes of the Pittsburg Synod, relating to the appeal of the Rev. H. C. Heyser from the decision of said Synod, by which the action of St. Paul's Classis in dissolving his pastoral relation to the Shenango charge was sustained, respectfully report that they have examined the documents in the case, and find the appeal to be in order. They therefore recommend the following action:

1. That the hearing of the case be made the order of the day for Tuesday, at three o'clock P. M.
2. That all the documents relating to the case be read.
3. That the appellant be allowed twenty minutes to plead his case, and the Synod the same time, after which the vote shall be immediately taken.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

Thereupon the appeal was taken up. The documents in the case were read. The appellant, the Rev. H. C. Heyser, was heard through

his counsel, the Rev. George W. Welker, D. D.; and the Synod was heard through its counsel, the Rev. John Kretzing. The Synod finally voted by a rising vote, and the decision was unanimous against sustaining the appeal.

During the afternoon session on Friday, the third day of the sessions, the several items in the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Synod in the United States relating to the appeal and complaint cases which had been laid on the table, were taken up and referred to the Special Committees having those cases in hand.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

I. THE DUNN COMPLAINT CASE.

The Committee on Overtures reported a complaint by Elder David Dunn against the action of the District Synod in the United States at Martinsburg, West Virginia, in October, 1872, refusing to sustain his appeal from the action adopted by the Mercersburg Classis, requiring the congregations within its bounds to pay all contributions for Beneficiary Education into the Treasury of the Classis, and permitting no alienation of funds by the Consistories until the obligations of the Classis have been met. The complaint, together with documents bearing on the case, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Henry Williard, George W. Aughinbaugh, Peter Greding, Frederick A. Rupley, and Elders John W. Brown, George Bair and Robert Bell, to examine whether the complaint was in order, and, if found in order, to report the manner in which it is to be taken up. This Committee submitted the following report on the afternoon of the fourth day (Saturday) of the sessions, which was received and adopted :

The Special Committee on the case of Complaint from Elder David Dunn against the Synod in the United States, held at Martinsburg, West Virginia, would report respectfully that they have found the complaint in order, and recommend :

1. That this Synod, in the consideration of said complaint, make it the order of the day immediately after the disposition of the Super appeal case.

2. That the documents pertaining to the case be read before Synod.

3. That one speech of thirty minutes in length be allowed to the counsel of the complainant, and one speech of equal length to the counsel of the Synod in the United States.

4. That one speech of five minutes be allowed to such members of Synod as may desire the privilege.

5. That Synod then proceed immediately to take the vote on the question.

Agreed to by all the members of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY WILLIARD, *Chairman*.

At the time designated, the complaint was taken up for consideration. The papers in the case were read. The complainant was heard by his counsel, the Rev. Edwin H. Nevin, D. D., in support of the complaint. The Synod in the United States was heard in reply by its counsel, the Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., and Elnathan E. Higbee, D. D. The complainant himself made some statements. The members of the Synod were also heard in regard to the principle and facts involved in the case. The Synod then proceeded to vote in the case by yeas and nays, and the complaint was sustained by 90 yeas to 85 nays, and 7 not voting, having voted in the lower court at Martinsburg, as follows:

YEAS.—Revs. A. Spangler, A. Wanner, F. A. Rupley, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Dr. E. H. Nevin, D. E. Klopp, M. S. Rowland, G. Neeff, W. Sorber, J. C. Clapp, Dr. G. W. Welker, A. Lepp, D. Van Horne, I. H. Reiter, Dr. D. Winters, J. Richards, S. Mease, H. Williard, J. C. Henneman, G. H. Meiboom, S. C. Goss, J. Steiner, Dr. J. H. Good, Dr. G. W. Williard, W. H. Fenneman, H. Korthauer, C. Schiller, P. Greding, H. Wilson, C. G. A. Hullhorst, C. G. Ziph, J. Schlosser, F. R. Schwedes, P. H. Dippell, W. B. Sandoe, P. Kohl, J. H. Klein, S. N. L. Kessler, P. Joerris, P. Vitz, H. A. Muehlmeier, D. Zimmerman, J. Klingler, J. F. H. Dieckman, A. Toensmeier, C. Schaaf, F. Forwick, A. Becker, C. H. Schoepfle.

Elders.—J. Beaver, S. R. Weaver, W. Shull, J. Wiest (Zion's), J. Force, H. Kafauver, J. Wiest (Philadelphia), W. Brownback, J. Smith, W. L. Graver, T. Ingram, M. D., S. M. Finger, S. Lantz, B. Kuhns, M. Marquis, J. Swander, J. Haller, G. W. Tussing, P.

Bugh, T. W. Chapman, D. Waltz, J. Bolender, P. Fry, H. Bacher, C. Myers, C. Kratz, L. Zellner, R. Bell, E. Vordermark, W. Miller, P. Loose, J. Zechiel, J. W. Brown, B. Overesch, E. F. Oslage, F. Stockmeyer, L. Kalt Schmid, M. Mueller, J. J. Schaublin, L. Biehl and J. Dechow.

NAYS.—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, S. A. Leinbach, A. J. G. Dubbs, I. K. Loos, Dr B Bausman, I. E. Graeff, J. E. Hiester, D. B. Albright, T. C. Leinbach, Dr. J. O. Miller, J. S. Foulk, J. S. Kieffer, W. Goodrich, E. R. Eschbach, M. Bachman, G. H. Martin, S. K. Kremer, J. A. Peters, P. S. Davis, Dr. E. E. Higbee,* A. C. Whitmer, W. M. Deatrick, T. O. Stem, G. W. Aughinbaugh, L. D. Leberman, L. J. Mayer, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Dr. T. G. Apple, W. H. H. Snyder, F. Pilgram, C. U. Heilman, J. W. Steinmetz, C. S. Gerhard, H. Mosser, D. M. Wolf, J. K. Millet, W. H. Groh, G. Z. Mechling, C. Cort, F. C. Bauman, H. Hilbish, G. M. Albright, Dr. J. Bossard, J. G. Shoemaker, J. Fuendeling, J. Kretzing, J. I. Swander, J. F. Snyder, W. Rupp, A. B. Koplín, G. B. Russell, T. J. Barkley and J. A. Hoffheins.

Elders.—G. H. Stem, J. K. Dech, J. T. Reber, S. Withers, J. Rodenmayer, G. Harbaugh, W. H. Bargelt, J. Heyser, G. H. Mengel, I. M. Neff, J. L. Reifsnyder, D. B. Mauger, H. Weisel, P. B. Lerch, D. Appenzeller, W. M. Nevin, E. J. Zahm, W. H. Seibert, H. Rupp, J. Hoffer, J. Frederick, H. Witmer, S. Wildasin, D. Cort, J. Greenameier, A. Wiant, C. M. Boush, G. Bair, W. R. Barnhart, P. Hay, S. G. Lohr and T. J. Craig.

Here the following paper in regard to the complaint case of Elder David Dunn was presented to Synod, and, on motion, put on its adoption, namely :

In the decision reached in the Dunn complaint case, the General Synod intended to decide the following points :

a. That no Consistory or other Judicatory has any right to alienate any funds from the purposes for which they were contributed.

b. That the Consistories have the undoubted right to designate the direction which benevolent funds in their hands shall take, when not specially designated by the donors.

After some discussion, the previous question was moved and sustained. A division of the question was called for. The President decided that the paper before Synod could be separately voted

* Voted by permission of the President.

upon. The vote was then taken on the *first* point (marked *a*), and it was adopted by a vote of 90 yeas, and 53 were excused from voting, as follows :

YEAS.—Revs. Dr. B. Bausman, A. Spangler, A. Wanner, F. A. Rupley, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. E. Klopp, M. S. Rowland, W. Sorber, J. C. Clapp, Dr. G. W. Welker, A. Lepp, D. Van Horne, I. H. Reiter, Dr. D. Winters, S. Mease, G. Z. Mechling, W. McCaughey, C. W. Hoyman, H. Williard, J. C. Henneman, S. C. Goss, Dr. J. H. Good, Dr. G. W. Williard, W. H. Feuneman, H. Korthueuer, P. Greding, H. Wilson, C. G. A. Hullhorst, C. G. Ziph, H. Hilbish, G. M. Albright, J. Schlosser, P. H. Dippell, W. B. Sandoe, P. Kohl, J. H. Klein, S. N. L. Kessler, P. Vitz, P. Joerris, Dr. J. Bossard, D. Zimmerman, J. Klingler, J. F. H. Dieckman, A. Tocusmeier, C. Schaaf, F. Forwick, A. Becker, C. H. Schoepfle, G. B. Russell.

Elders.—J. Beaver, S. R. Weaver, W. Shull, J. Wiest (Zion's), H. Kafauver, J. Force, J. Wiest (Philadelphia), W. Brownback, J. Smith, W. L. Graver, Dr. T. Ingram, S. M. Finger, I. M. Neff, W. H. Seibert, S. Lantz, B. Kuhns, M. Marquis, J. Swander, J. Haller, G. W. Tussing, P. Bugh, D. Waltz, J. Bolender, P. Fry, H. Bacher, C. Kratz, L. Zellner, J. Greenameier, R. Bell, E. Vordermark, W. Miller, P. Loose, J. Zeehiel, J. W. Brown, E. F. Oslage, F. Stockmeyer, L. Kaltschmid, M. Mueller, J. J. Schaublin, L. Biehl and J. Dechow.

EXCUSED.—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, S. A. Leinbach, A. J. G. Dubbs, I. K. Loos, I. E. Graeff, Dr. J. O. Miller, J. S. Foulk, W. Goodrich, S. K. Kremer, E. R. Eschbach, J. S. Kieffer, J. A. Peters, P. S. Davis, T. O. Stem, G. W. Aughinbaugh, L. D. Leberman, L. J. Mayer, Dr. T. G. Apple, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, W. H. H. Snyder, F. Pilgram, C. U. Heilman, D. M. Wolf, J. K. Millet, W. H. Groh, C. Cort, F. C. Bauman, J. G. Shoemaker, J. Kretzing, J. I. Swander, J. F. Snyder, W. Rupp, A. B. Koplin, T. J. Barkley, J. A. Hoffheins, A. C. Whitmer, M. Bachman.

Elders.—J. T. Reber, S. Withers, G. Harbaugh, J. Heyser, G. H. Mengel, D. Appenzeller, E. J. Zahm, H. Rupp, J. Hoffer, J. Frederick, J. K. Dech, A. Wiant, G. Bair, P. Hay, S. Wildasin, D. Cort.

The Synod thereupon proceeded to vote upon the *second* point, (marked *b*), and it was adopted by 82 yeas, 19 nays, and 39 were excused from voting, as follows :

YEAS.—Revs. A. Spangler, A. Wanner, F. A. Rupley, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. E. Klopp, M. S. Rowland, G. Neeff, W. Sorber, J. C. Clapp, Dr. G. W. Welker, A. Lepp, D. Van Horne, I. H. Reiter, Dr. D. Winters, S. Mease, W. McCaughey, G. Z. Mechling, H. Williard, J. C. Henneman, S. C. Goss, Dr. J. H. Good, Dr. G. W. Williard, W. H. Fenneman, H. Korthauer, P. Greding, H. Wilson. C. G. A. Hullhorst, C. G. Ziph, J. Schlosser, P. H. Dippell, W. B. Sandoe, P. Kohl, J. H. Klein, S. N. L. Kessler, C. T. Martin, P. Vitz, D. Zimmerman, J. Klingler, J. F. H. Dieckman, A. Toensmeier, C. Schaaf, F. Forwick, A. Becker, C. H. Schoepfle.

Elders.—J. Beaver, S. R. Weaver, W. Shull, H. Kafauver, J. Force, J. Wiest (Philadelphia), W. Brownback, J. Smith, W. L. Graver, Dr. T. Ingram, S. M. Finger, S. Lantz, B. Kuhns, M. Marquis, J. Swander, J. Haller, G. W. Tussing, P. Bugh, D. Waltz, J. Bolender, P. Fry, H. Bacher, C. Kratz, L. Zellner, J. Greenameier, R. Bell, E. Vordermark, W. Miller, P. Loose, J. Zeehiel, J. W. Brown, E. F. Oslage, F. Stockmeyer, L. Kalt Schmid, M. Mueller, J. J. Schaublin, L. Biehl, J. Dechow.

NAYS.—Revs. S. A. Leinbach, A. J. G. Dubbs, I. K. Loos, I. E. Graeff, D. B. Albright, Dr. J. O. Miller, W. Goodrich, S. K. Kremer, G. M. Albright, Dr. J. Bossard, J. Kretzing, G. B. Russell, T. J. Barkley, J. A. Hoffheins.

Elders.—S. Withers, D. C. Hammond, J. Heyser, J. Hoffer, S. Wildasin.

EXCUSED.—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, J. S. Foulk, J. S. Kieffer, E. R. Esehbach, M. Bachman, P. S. Davis, Dr. E. E. Higbee, W. M. Deatriek, T. O. Stem, G. W. Aughinbaugh, L. D. Leberman, L. J. Mayer, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Dr. T. G. Apple, W. H. H. Snyder, J. W. Steinmetz, C. S. Gerhard, H. Mosser, D. M. Wolf, J. K. Millet, W. H. Groh, C. Cort, F. C. Bauman, J. Shoemaker, J. I. Swander, J. F. Snyder, W. Rupp, A. B. Koplin.

Elders.—G. Harbaugh, G. H. Mengel, H. Weisel, D. Appenzeller, E. J. Zahm, H. Rupp, J. Frederick, D. Cort, A. Wiant, G. Bair, P. Hay.

II. THE CORT COMPLAINT CASE.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of Ohio reported an appeal by Rev. Cyrus Cort, in behalf of the counsel of Illinois Classis, from the decision of the Synod of Ohio, in the case of the

Illinois Classis against the Rev. Henry Knepper, declaring him thereby fully restored to the functions of the ministry; and also two complaints by Rev. C. Cort against the ruling of the President and the decision of the Synod of Ohio respecting the same case.

The appeal and complaints, together with the official minute book of Illinois Classis, and the other documents in the case, were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, William H. Fenneman, William M. Deatricks, and Elders Edward J. Zahm and Thomas W. Chapman, to examine whether the appeal and complaints were in order, and, if found in order, to report the manner in which they are to be considered. This Committee submitted their report on Wednesday afternoon, the eighth day of the sessions, and the hearing of the whole case was made the special order of the day for the evening of the same day. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of appeals from the Synod of Ohio involving the divorce case of the Rev. Henry Knepper, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

There are two complaints and one appeal. The facts, as we gather them from official documents, are briefly these: The Rev. Henry Knepper was deposed from the ministry by the Illinois Classis. Mr. Knepper appeals from the Classis to the Synod of Ohio. The Synod finds the appeal in order and proceeds with the investigation.

At a certain stage of the proceedings the President entertains a resolution referring the whole case for reinvestigation and re-adjudication to the lower court. To this resolution the Rev. Cyrus Cort objects *as being then out of order*, but the President is sustained by the Synod. From this *ruling of the Synod on a point of order* the Rev. C. Cort gives notice of complaint to the General Synod.

Pending the adoption of the resolution of reference, the question arises, what, if adopted, would be the status of Mr. Knepper in the meantime. The President decided that the passage of the resolution would place the Rev. Henry Knepper in the same position in which he was before the sentence of deposition was passed by the Illinois Classis, and the decision was acquiesced in by the Synod. Subsequently the resolution of reference was adopted by the Synod.

The Rev. C. Cort, in behalf of the counsel of Illinois Classis, now gave notice that the Classis would appeal to the General Synod from this decision of the Synod of Ohio. He further gave notice

of a complaint to the General Synod in behalf of himself and the Rev. Joseph Seehler.

Your Committee find that the complaints are both in order, and recommend the following course of proceeding :

Your Committee propose that the General Synod *first* take up the complaint of the Rev. C. Cort against the ruling of the Synod of Ohio, and proceed thus :

1. That all the documents be read and the witnesses heard.

2. That the appellant and the appellee be heard, each one for fifteen minutes.

3. That thereafter the Synod take the vote by yeas and nays.

We propose in the *second* place that the Synod take up the complaint of the Rev. C. Cort and Rev. J. Seehler, and proceed thus :

1. That all the documents be read.

2. That the complainants and the respondents be heard each for thirty minutes.

3. That the Synod then proceed to vote by ayes and nays :

We learn from the Minutes of the last annual meeting of Illinois Classis, held at Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois, Tuesday, October 8, 1872, that said Classis withdraws its assent to the appeal of its counsel in the H. Knepper case, and, therefore, there is no appeal by said Classis to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

EMANUEL V. GERHART, *Chairman*.

At the appointed time, the *first* complaint was taken up. The records and the documents in the case were read, and testimony bearing on the case was heard. The complainant, Rev. Cyrus Cort, was heard through his counsel, the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple and Elder Charles M. Boush, in support of the complaint ; and the Synod of Ohio, as the respondent, was heard in reply through its counsel, the Revs. Joshua H. Derr and Dr. Jeremiah H. Good. The Synod then proceeded to vote in the case by yeas and nays, and the complaint was sustained by 96 yeas to 48 nays, 4 non-liquets, 2 excused, and the members of the late Ohio Synod not voting, having voted in the lower court, as follows :

YEAS.—Revs. N. S. Strassburger, S. A. Leinbach, A. J. G. Dubbs, Dr. B. Bausman, I. E. Graeff, J. E. Hiester, D. B. Albright, T. C. Leinbach, A. Spangler, Dr. J. O. Miller, J. S. Foulk, J. S. Kieffer, W. Goodrich, E. R. Eschbach, M. Bachman, G. H. Martin, S. K. Kremer, J. A. Peters, P. S. Davis, Dr. E. E. Higbee, A. C. Whit-

mer, T. O. Stem, G. W. Aughinbaugh, L. D. Leberman, L. J. Mayer, A. Lepp, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Dr. T. G. Apple, W. H. H. Snyder, F. Pilgram, C. U. Heilman, J. W. Steinmetz, C. S. Gerhard, H. Mosser, D. M. Wolf, J. K. Millet, W. H. Groh, W. McCaughey, J. Steiner, F. C. Bauman, C. G. Ziph, J. H. Klein, P. Vitz, H. A. Muehlmeier, Dr. J. Bossard, D. Zimmerman, J. F. H. Dieckman, C. Schaaf, J. Kretzing, J. W. Love, J. F. Snyder, W. Rupp, A. B. Koplin, G. B. Russell, T. J. Barkley, J. A. Hoffheins.

Elders.—A. G. Reninger, O. L. Schreiber, G. Hagenbuch, G. H. Stem, J. K. Dech, S. Withers, J. Beaver, D. C. Hammond, J. Rodenmayer, G. Harbaugh, W. Brownback, J. D. Miller, J. Heyser, G. H. Mengel, I. M. Neff, J. L. Reifsnyder, D. B. Mauger, H. Weisel, P. B. Lerch, D. Appenzeller, D. W. Gross, E. J. Zahm, W. H. Seibert, H. Rupp, J. Hoffer, J. Frederick, H. Witmer, L. Zellner, S. Wildasin, D. Cort, E. Vordermark, L. Kaltschmid, M. Mueller, L. Biehl, A. Wiant, C. M. Boush, G. Bair, W. R. Barnhart, P. Hay and S. G. Lohr.

NAYS.—Revs. A. Wanner, F. A. Rupley, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Dr. E. H. Nevin, M. S. Rowland, G. Neeff, W. Sorber, J. C. Clapp, Dr. G. W. Welker, G. Z. Meehling, J. C. Henneman, J. Schlosser, F. R. Schwedes, P. H. Dippell, S. N. L. Kessler, C. T. Martin, J. Klingler, A. Toensmeier, F. Forwick, C. H. Schoepfle,

Elders.—S. R. Weaver, W. Shull, J. Wiest (Zion's), H. Kafauver, J. Force, J. Wiest (Philadelphia), T. Ingram, M. D., S. M. Finger, S. Lantz, B. Kuhns, J. Swander, D. W. Nieble, G. W. Tussing, P. Bugh, T. W. Chapman, J. Bolender, P. Fry, H. Bacher, C. Myers, William Miller, P. Loose, J. Zechiel, J. W. Brown, B. Overesch, E. F. Oslage, F. Stockmeyer, J. J. Schaublin, J. Dechow.

Non-liquet.—Revs. D. E. Klopp, P. Greding, W. B. Sandoe and A. Becker.

Excused.—Revs. J. G. Shoemaker and Elder D. Waltz.

The *second* complaint of Rev. Cyrus Cort against the Synod of Ohio was taken up according to the prescribed order, and the same counsel appeared in behalf of the complainant and of the respondent, respectively. After the hearing of the case had progressed awhile, its further prosecution was abandoned by mutual consent of the counsel on both sides, on condition that the following paper be submitted to Synod. It was accordingly submitted and adopted, viz:

In the questions before this Synod in reference to the complaints and appeals of Rev. C. Cort and others, and the Illinois Classis, against the Synod of Ohio, this Synod resolves that the judgment passed by the Illinois Classis in the case of Rev. Henry Knepper holds, and that said Knepper stands deposed from the holy ministry, and excommunicated from the Church, and that the ruling of the President of the Ohio Synod in session at Canton, Ohio, May 1-7, 1872, restoring H. Knepper to the ministry was erroneous.

After the adoption of the aforesaid paper, the counsel, Elder Charles M. Boush, on the part of Rev. C. Cort and others, and the Illinois Classis, withdrew their complaints and appeals before this General Synod.

III. COMPLAINT OF OHIO BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Committee on Overtures reported a complaint from the Board of Missions of the Ohio Synod against the action of the late Synod in the United States, convened at Martinsburg, in appropriating funds for the support of Missions located within their territory, and under their control. This complaint was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Peter S. Davis, Dr. David Winters, Peter Vitz, Aaron Wanner, and Elders John Rodenmayer, Benjamin Kuhns and Peter Loose, to report thereon.

This Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee to whom the complaint of the Ohio Board of Missions against the Synod of the United States, was referred, would respectfully report:

In the opinion of your Committee the complaint is irregular, as it has not come through the Synod of Ohio, as a proper regard for order would require.

But even if that were waved, there is no ground for complaint, because there is no evidence that the Synod of the United States intends to make its appropriations in any other way than through the proper Board. Until some overt act is committed, there is no ground to suppose that said Synod intends to act irregularly.

As far as the jurisdiction of the Ohio Board of Missions is concerned, it may be proper to state that the General Board has, in its late report, conceded that it was a stretch of authority to commit Missions to the Board of District Synods. This concession of irregularity is certainly very proper, for it is plainly against the con-

stitution (Articles 70 and 83). According to this, there is nothing that makes the Board of any District Synod the only channel through which contributions may flow; on the other hand these Boards of District Synods are merely auxiliaries of doubtful constitutional authority, and to these the General Board has never yielded the entire control of any Mission.

But, at any rate, there is no evidence that any irregularity is contemplated by the Synod in the United States, and your Committee would therefore recommend that the complaint of the Ohio Board of Missions be dismissed as at least premature.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER S. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII. CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Credentials of Delegates of Iowa Classis.

On the afternoon of the third day (Friday) of the sessions, the matter of credentials, with a special reference to the delegates from the Classis of Iowa, was brought to the attention of the General Synod, when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Special Committee on Credentials be appointed, to whom all disputed credentials shall be referred.

The Committee consists of Revs. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Dr. George W. Williard, Henry A. Muehlmeier, and Elders Charles M. Boush and William Miller.

The credentials of the delegates from Iowa Classis were received and referred to the Committee.

This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the papers placed in their hands. In these papers we find two lists of delegates claiming to represent the Iowa Classis in this Synod. The Committee recommend the following action, viz:

Resolved, That so soon as the present General Synod shall declare the amendment of the constitution relating to the formation of Classis on the basis of language adopted, each division of the Iowa Classis shall be represented in this Synod by delegates duly elected by said division.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

After the adoption of the foregoing report, and the said amendment to the constitution having been declared adopted, the credentials of the delegates of the Classis of Iowa were read, and the names of Revs. Cyrus Cort, Frederick C. Bauman, and Elders Samuel Wildasin and Daniel Cort were enrolled as delegates of the *English* Iowa Classis, and that of Rev. Charles G. Ziph as a delegate of the *German* Iowa Classis; and, as such, they took their seats during the afternoon session on the third day (Friday) of the sessions.

The attention of the General Synod, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, was called to what was supposed to have been an irregularity, respecting the appointment of an Elder as a delegate to this body from the St. John's Classis. This matter, together with that in Item 4, as reported by the Committee on Minutes of General Synod, having reference to the postponement by the General Synod at Philadelphia of the adjudication of certain appeals and complaints, and also certain complaints and appeals spoken of in Items 4, 5 and 6 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Thereupon the Committee on Credentials further reported. Their report was received and adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Credentials would further respectfully report:

1. That in regard to the matter of the election of a certain Elder laid before this Synod, the facts in the case are as follows:

The St. John's Classis not only elected two Elders from the same charge, but one of these Elders, now occupying a seat in this body, was not a member of the Classis that elected him. Your Committee submit to this Synod whether said Elder is entitled to his seat.

2. Your Committee would report respecting the appeals and complaints which were brought to the notice of this Synod through the reports of the respective Committees on the Minutes of the General Synod, and of the Synod of Ohio, and referred to us for examination :

That no documents were placed in our hands, and that the appeals and complaints in question seem to have been withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

In regard to the first item in the preceding report, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that the Elder from the St. John's Classis, who was not delegated to act as the representative of his charge by the Consistory or Joint Consistory in said Classis, is not entitled to a seat and vote in this General Synod.

Preparation of Hymn Book.

As reported by the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Hymn Book, proposing a scheme as a basis for revision, and recommending the appointment of a Committee to proceed with the work, the consideration of which had been postponed by the last General Synod until the present triennial meeting, was taken up, and, after some discussion, the whole subject involved was, on motion, disposed of by the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That the report in regard to the revision of our Hymn Book, as contained in the Minutes of the General Synod, at Philadelphia, in 1869, page 64, be adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to engage in the work of preparing a Hymn Book, and report the result of their labors to the next General Synod.

The Committee consists of Revs. Dr. Elnathan E. Higbee, David Van Horne, Dr. James Bossard, George B. Russell, Dr. Benjamin Bausman, and Elders Louis H. Steiner, M. D., and Benjamin Kuhns.

The Revision of the Constitution.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod to revise the Constitution of the Reformed Church, referred to in Item 3 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged. The report is as follows:

The Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution begs leave to report that he made several efforts to secure a meeting of the Committee but failed because the Western members refused to attend, and, also, because several members in the East, of the legal profession, could not give any assurance of being able to attend at any given time, on account of their business engagements.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

Thereupon, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That each District Synod, including those now in process of formation, be directed to appoint a Committee of three members to draft a new Constitution, and that these committees, so raised, be required to meet before the next triennial meeting of the General Synod, in order to compare their several drafts, and, if possible, jointly agree upon a Constitution, and report to the next General Synod.

Court of Appeals and Last Resort.

On the evening of the last day of the sessions, the subjoined paper, making provision for a Court of Appeals and Last Resort, and designed to be made a part of the organic law of the Church, was submitted to Synod, namely:

1. That all the judicial power now resting in the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States be hereafter vested in a Court of Last Resort, created as follows:

2. That this Court of Last Resort shall consist of one ministerial and one lay member (an Elder in the Church) elected by each District Synod for a term of three years. Vacancies to be filled for the term by the same authorities.

3. That this Court shall be governed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church and rules of order adopted by the Court, provided these rules are not inconsistent with any of the constitutional and confessional provisions of the Reformed Church.

4. That the expenses of each member of said Court be paid by the District Synod by which he was elected.

5. That this Court as a body can not be impeached or complained of, but that the members thereof are amenable to the District Synod by which they are elected for corrupt, illegal or immoral conduct in their actions as members of said Court.

6. That the regular sessions of this Court are to be held at the time and in the town or city the General Synod meets in regular sessions, and adjourned sessions can be held as often as the Court finds it necessary. A majority of members of this Court shall be a quorum to transact business if meeting in regular session or in sessions appointed at a regular session.

7. That the Classes shall vote on their amendment of the Constitution at their first annual meeting, and shall inform the President

of the General Synod of the result of their vote on this matter. That after two-thirds of the Classes have adopted this amendment the President of General Synod shall notify the District Synods to elect the Judges of said Court, so that said Court can open its sessions for business at the next regular session of General Synod as soon as their amendment is declared part of the Constitution.

After some discussion, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the foregoing Articles proposed as amendments to the Constitution of the Church, and relating to the creation of a Court of Appeals and Last Resort, be received and referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

Amendments to the Constitution Proposed.

The following resolution, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, was presented to the Synod, on the evening of the last day of the sessions; and, on motion, it was received, and, after some discussion, referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, viz:

Resolved, That the following amendments to the Constitution be sent down to the several Classes for their adoption or rejection, and that in adopting or rejecting them, they be allowed to vote on each distinct proposition separately :

1. In the 3d Article, consecutive numbering, seventh line, after the words "with which he may be regularly connected," insert the words, "by transfer."

2. In the 29th Article, third line, after the word "judicatory," insert the words, "in a judicial process."

3. In the 30th Article, seventh line, after the words "after its rising," insert the words, "In the case of an individual, and thirty days in the case of a Consistory or Classis."

4. Change the location of the 37th Article so as to make it the 33d Article, and change the numbering of the four following Articles so as to make the numbering follow in regular order.

5. To Article 39, add the following sentence: "Trustees who hold their appointment simply under a charter or constitution of the congregation, have no right, as Trustees, simply to participate with the Consistory in matters purely ecclesiastical, but only in such as are temporal."

6. In the 40th Article, second paragraph, at the close of the first sentence, insert the sentence, "Deacons are accordingly excluded from participating in such matters."

7. In the 51st Article, seventeenth line, after the word "appeal," insert the words, "or complaint."

8. In the 61st Article, eighth line, after the words "determine appeals," insert the words, "and complaints."

9. In the 67th Article, fourth line, after the words, "by reference," insert the words, "by complaint."

10. Add to the 80th Article the words, "and each District Synod shall, at the annual meeting succeeding, make a distinct record of the vote of each Classis, which has taken action on the proposed amendments, and also to note what Classes have failed to take action, or were unable to arrive at any definite conclusion in regard to the matter."

11. Erase in the first and second lines of 81st Article, the words, "official report of the delegates," and substitute the word "minutes," in their place.

12. Insert in the 100th Article, fourth line, after the words, "on the parties concerned," the words, "in the first instance."

Ratio of Representation in General Synod.

Through the Committee on the Official Reports of the Classes it was reported that the constitutional number of the Classes had adopted the amendment to the Constitution, respecting the basis or ratio of representation in the General Synod, as recorded in the Minutes of the General Synod of 1869, page 59. In connection with the report of this fact, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as two-thirds of the Classes have adopted the said amendment, it is hereby declared to be a part of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Formation of German Classes.

The Committee on the Official Reports of the Classes reported that the requisite number of the Classes had voted in favor of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, respecting the formation of German Classes. Whereupon, on motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been officially reported by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, that two-thirds of the Classes have regularly adopted the amendment to the Constitution in regard to the organization of German Classes on territory occupied by English Classes, and *vice versa*, as recorded in the Minutes of the General Synod of 1869, page 59; therefore,

Resolved, That said amendment is hereby declared to be a part of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Formation of German Synods.

The Committee on the Minutes of the District Synod in the United States, reported a request from said Synod to the General Synod, asking it to make provision for the formation of German Synods. This request was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. George B. Russell, Marcus Bachman, John A. Peters, Jacob Dahlgren, Jr., and Elders Jacob Wentz, E. Vordermark and John Wiest. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The General Synod has already acted on the preliminary items relating to this matter, as indicating its hearty assent to the proposed formation of a German Synod. It remains, then, for us only to call attention to the conditions required in the case.

1. At least four adjacent Classes must unite in a request, in order to the formation of a distinct Synod; and the consent of the Synod or Synods to which they belong must first be obtained.

2. It is presumed that the term "adjacent Classes" means that, for a German Synod, the Classes proposed so to be formed must lie adjacent to each other as German Classes. That is, if one English Classis, or more, should lie between such German Classes, it would not be considered, in the sense of the constitution, as a bar to the creation of a German Synod.

3. Inasmuch as the requisite number of adjacent German Classes have not yet been formed, and consequently have not made their request to this General Synod, with the formal consent of their Synod or Synods, it is plain that a German Synod can not now be fully constituted.

But in order that there be no longer delay than may be, in the formation of a German Synod, we would suggest the following action:

Resolved, That this General Synod gives its full consent and permission to any four or more German Classes, regularly constituted and lying adjacent, in the sense above given, to be organized into a German District Synod, so soon as the consent of the Synod or Synods to which they may belong has been properly obtained.

Resolved, That the District Synod to which a majority of such German Classes belong, be requested and authorized to provide accordingly for the formation of a German District Synod, by designating a time and place for holding its first meeting, and appointing some suitable person to preside at its organization.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

Organization of a New District Synod.

The District Synod in the United States, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of said Synod, requested the General Synod to organize the Classes of Mercersburg, Zion, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina into a District Synod. It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the request of the Synod in the United States, in regard to the organization of a new District Synod, be granted, and that a committee be appointed to report to this body such measures as are necessary in order to effect the new organization.

The Committee consists of Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, N. S. Strassburger, Dr. J. O. Miller, and Elders Charles* M. Boush and Jacob Smith.

This Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee appointed to prepare suitable action in regard to the formation of a new Synod, composed of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Virginia, Mercersburg and North Carolina, beg leave to report :

1. That all the preliminary constitutional and synodical requirements in the case have been complied with.
2. That the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Mercersburg are hereby constituted a Synod, to be known as the ——— Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.
3. That the ministers and delegated elders of said Classis shall

* Should be *Christian*. So throughout these Minutes.

meet in convention, in the city of Frederick, Md., on the — day of —, 1873, to organize said Synod, to determine its name, and transact such other business as may properly claim its attention.

4. That the opening sermon on the occasion shall be preached by the Rev. Daniel Zacharias, D. D., of Frederick, who shall also preside at the organization of the Synod.

5. That the time for the organization of the Synod shall be determined by a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Daniel Zacharias and the Presidents of the several Classes above named, by whom due notice of the time agreed upon shall be given.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

Germantown Church Property.

The Committee on Official Reports of Classes reported an item relating to certain alienated church property at Germantown, Pa., the recovering of which had been intrusted to the Philadelphia Classis by the last General Synod. As it appeared that nothing definitely had, as yet, been done in the matter, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Classis of Philadelphia be instructed, and is hereby fully empowered, to institute all necessary legal measures to secure repossession of the property of the Market Square Reformed Church of Germantown, Pennsylvania, which has been alienated contrary to law and Christian morals from the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, formerly called the German Reformed Church, to whose jurisdiction and care its property belongs.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the General Synod be instructed to furnish the money required to prosecute the case.

A Deliverance on Divorce.

The Classes of Mercersburg and Maryland, as reported by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, requested the General Synod to give a deliverance on the subject of divorce, and to enjoin a stricter discipline on the lower judicatories. These requests were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Jacob O.

Miller, D. D., Peter Greding, Wm. H. Fenneman, and Elders John Rodenmayer and John W. Brown.

This Committee presented the subjoined report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the general subject of divorce, with a view of giving a deliverance of this General Synod on that important subject, report :

That while they have no specific case before them to report upon, they feel called upon to give utterance to an opinion upon the general subject, which may aid the lower courts in disposing of the cases of divorce brought before them for adjudication. To postpone the subject without an opinion of any character might imply that we thought it of not much importance, or that we were unwilling to meet the questions which the several Classes here present. Therefore we say that the Christian Church has ever regarded the subject before us as of importance in morals, as affecting the social life of her people, and as guarding or abusing the sacred ordinance of marriage, by the manner in which it is applied. It is sad to be compelled to admit that there is a great laxness on the subject of divorce on the part of the State, which has shocked our Christian sense, and that in some sections so-called divorce can be obtained on the slightest pretenses; but it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when better things may be looked for, even in this direction.

That there are difficulties in the way of giving a clear utterance on the subject of divorce, to cover all cases, is confessed by all. And yet no one will question that the only plea which should govern the Christian is the law laid down by Christ and his apostles in the New Testament Scriptures; therefore,

Resolved, That in the absence of any specific case of divorce before us, the General Synod affirms that it is its opinion that the Judicatories of the Church be governed by the New Testament Scriptures in determining the grounds of divorce, as of paramount authority.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The Classis of Westmoreland, as reported through the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, requested the General Synod to

adopt the text of the Tercentenary edition of the Heidelberg Catechism in future editions. The attention of said Classis, in regard to this matter, was called to the deliverance of the General Synod at Philadelphia, as recorded in its Minutes of 1869, page 66.

The Committee on Official Reports of Classes reported two requests from the Minnesota Classis, the one of which asks the General Synod to refer both Liturgies to the Classes for their approval or rejection, and the other desires this Synod to decide whether a Liturgy can be introduced in a congregation without the consent of the Consistory. In regard to both of these requests, said Classis is directed to the action of the General Synod at Philadelphia, as recorded in its Minutes of 1869, page 47.

A request was reported by the Committee on the Official Reports of Classes from the Classis of Lebanon, asking the General Synod to adopt measures whereby a report of the number of candidates for the ministry may be secured. This request was granted, and the following resolution was in this connection adopted:

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to add an additional column in the statistical table, in which shall be enumerated the number of students who are candidates for the Christian ministry.

Report on Contingent Collection.

At the opening of the evening session of the seventh day of the sessions, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. David E. Klopp, Frederick A. Rupley, and Charles W. Hoyman, to collect fifty cents from each member of Synod, and, when collected, to pay the amount to the Consistory of the First Reformed Church in Cincinnati, toward meeting the expenses incurred during the present sessions. This Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to collect fifty cents from each member of Synod, to defray the contingent expenses of this Synod, would report,

That they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and collected \$90. They have paid this sum to the Consistory of the

church in which we have held our sessions, according to the instruction of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. A. RUPLEY, *Chairman.*

Assistant Clerk pro tem. appointed.

Soon after the opening of the evening session of the seventh day (Tuesday) of the sessions, the Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Jr., the Assistant Clerk, after stating his reasons therefor, asked leave of absence for the remaining sessions of Synod. It was, therefore, on motion,

Resolved, That, for reasons assigned, leave of absence be granted him, and that the Rev. Marcus Bachman be appointed Assistant Clerk *pro tem.*, in the absence of the Assistant Clerk.

ARTICLE XIX. SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX. FINANCE.

1. *Report of the Treasurer of Synod.*

The Treasurer of the General Synod submitted his report, which was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with Wm. D. Gross, Treasurer.

		DR.	
Nov. 25,	To balance due Treasurer, as per report to General Synod.	\$322	09
Dec. 9,	Rev. I. H. Reiter, for preparing copies of the constitution for publication.....		35 00
3,	Christ Church, Philadelphia, in part for entertaining Synod.....		95 00
22,	Do., in full.....		155 00
9,	Mr. A. H. Baughman, for traveling expenses, for attending meeting of Committee on Revision of Church Constitution.....		21 20
		Carried over,	<u>\$628 29</u>

1869.		Amount brought forward,	\$628 29
Dec. 17,	Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, for same purpose.....	12 50	
17,	Rev. Dr. D. Zacharias, for traveling expenses to General Synod of Reformed Church in America.....	29 50	
1870.			
Jan. 27,	J. B. Rodgers & Co., for printing.....	61 12	
Feb. 21,	Rev. J. O. Miller, committee expense.....	2 00	
21,	Rev. J. Dahlman, Jr., salary as German Clerk of General Synod	75 00	
July 12,	T. G. Apple, for attending meeting of the Committee on Revision of Constitution.....	25 35	
12,	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Stated Clerk and traveling expenses	105 00	
Aug. 17,	Elm Street Printing Company, Cincinnati, O	366 00	
Sept. 2,	P. Greding, for traveling expenses on Committee of Revision of Constitution.....	18 75	
1871.			
Jan. 3,	W. F. Colliflower, for traveling expenses on Committee of Revision of Constitution.....	4 75	
Dec. 27,	J. B. Rodgers, for printing.....	230 71	
1872.			
Feb. 16,	Reformed Church Publication Board, for forwarding and packing Minutes....	5 70	
Nov. 22,	Rev. J. Dahlman, Jr., expressage for Minutes of the General Synod	6 55	
25,	Balance in Treasury	313 78	
			<u>\$1,895 00</u>

1869.		CR.	
Dec. 3,	By collection at the meeting of the General Synod in Christ Church, Philadelphia.....	\$95 00	
17,	Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, Treasurer of Ohio Synod. Part payment.....	12 50	
July 16,	Henry Wirt, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.....	500 00	
1871.			
June 1,	Henry Wirt, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.....	100 00	
July 3,	do. do. do.	450 00	
12,	J. W. Brown, Treasurer of Northwestern Synod.....	150 00	
1872.			
May 13,	J. W. Brown, Treasurer of Northwestern Synod.....	100 00	
Nov. 18,	Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, Treasurer of the Ohio Synod....	487 50	
			<u>\$1,895 00</u>

Treasurer's report of Rev. Dr. Ph. Schaff's \$500 donation, called the "German Hymn Book Fund."

1870.		CR.	
Nov. 25,	By amount in treasury, as per report to General Synod....	\$216 57	
May 1,	Interest for six months.....	19 50	
Nov. 1,	" "	19 50	
1871.			
May 1,	Interest for six months	16 80	
1872.			
May 1,	Interest for one year.....	34 20	
Nov. 1,	" six months.....	19 50	
			<u>\$326 07</u>

DR.

1870.		
Mar. 24,	To Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, for Buchanstalt at Cleveland, O..	\$216 57
1872.		
Nov. 25,	Balance in treasury.....	109 50
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		\$326 07

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. GROSS, *Treasurer of General Synod.**2. Report of Committee on Finance.*

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to present the following report :

Your Committee examined the Treasurer's statement, which is herewith submitted, and find it correct.

The amount from all sources is \$1,895.00, and the sum expended is \$1,581.22, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$313.18.

The sum needed to meet the current expenses of the General Synod is \$2,000.

Your Committee make the following apportionments to the several District Synods :

Synod in the United States.....	\$620 00
Synod of Ohio.....	450 00
Northwestern Synod.....	370 00
Pittsburg Synod.....	225 00
Proposed New Synod.....	335 00
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	\$2,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The following resolution, in relation to the publication of the Minutes of Synod, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have two thousand copies of the Minutes of the present General Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English, and one thousand in the German language.

The Minutes were apportioned among the several Synods, on the basis of the apportionment for 1869, as follows:

SYNODS.	ENGLISH.	GERMAN.
Synod in the United States.....	640	420
Synod of Ohio.....	580	165
The Northwestern Synod.....	70	245
The Pittsburg Synod.....	230	70
The Proposed New Synod.....	480	100
	<hr/> 2,000	<hr/> 1,000

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations, on the morning of the eighth day of the sessions, through the Chairman, the Rev. George Z. Mechling, presented their report, which was received, amended and adopted. The election was made the order of the day for the morning of the last day of the sessions, at eleven o'clock, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to have 250 copies of the Nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the appointed time the election was held. The Revs. Jacob F. Snyder, Peter H. Dippell, and Elders Jacob Heyser, William D. Rauch and David B. Mauger were appointed tellers, and the printed tickets were distributed among the members of the Synod. The tellers having received the ballots, counted them, and reported the result. For result see Articles XI., XIII., XIV., and XV.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

On the morning of the eighth day of the sessions, the Revs. Dr. Jacob O. Miller, Peter Greding, Charles Schaaf, and Elders Edward J. Zahm, and John W. Brown, were appointed a committee through whom all applications to Synod for leave of absence are to be made, and their report submitted was accepted.

Religious Amendment to Constitution of United States.

On the afternoon of the eighth day of the sessions, Rev. W. H. French, Commissioner of the National Association to secure the

Religious Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, appeared in Synod, and, by permission, made some statements respecting the general subject involved. His statements were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. John W. Steinmetz, Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Dr. Geo. W. Welker, and Elders John Wiest (Philadelphia) and John W. Brown. This Committee submitted their report, which was received and laid on the table.

Invitation of Lane Theological Seminary.

A communication was received, on the morning of the last day of the sessions, from the Faculty of Lane Theological Seminary, at Cincinnati, inviting the officers and members of the General Synod to visit that institution at their convenience.

In regard to this invitation, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That this General Synod thankfully receive the invitation, and heartily accept it, so far as the individual members can possibly find time and opportunity to visit that institution, since it will not be convenient for Synod to do so, as a body.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the aforesaid action to the Faculty of Lane Theological Seminary.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

During the morning session of the third day of the sessions, the General Synod fixed the *time*, and, during the afternoon session of the fourth day of the sessions, selected the *place* for its next regular meeting. The places nominated were Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The roll was called in the selection of the place, and the result of the election, in regard to both the time and place, was, that the first Sunday after Whit-Sunday, May 19, A. D. 1875, at eight o'clock in the evening, was fixed as the time; and the St. John's Reformed Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was chosen as the place.

A motion was made, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, by the Rev. Frederick C. Bauman, and seconded by Elder Samuel Wildasin, both of whom had voted in the affirmative on the previous vote, that the Synod reconsider the vote respecting the selection of the place for holding its next triennial sessions.

The President ruled that the motion was not in order, on the following grounds :

1. Because the vote, selecting the place, was equivalent to an election, as to the manner in which it was taken.

2. Because of the late hour in the day, being within an hour of the final adjournment.

3. Because of the absence of many members, who had voted on the question.

Elder Edward J. Zahm appealed from the decision of the Chair, and a rising vote was taken on the question : Shall the appeal be sustained? It resulted in 64 voting for and 71 against sustaining the appeal. So the appeal was not sustained.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Vote of Thanks.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Synod be, and hereby are, tendered to the pastor, consistory, and members of the First Reformed Church, and to other members of the Church, and citizens of the city of Cincinnati, for their cordial and hospitable entertainment of the members of this Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Synod are also hereby tendered to the various railroad companies for the reduction of fare which they made to the members of Synod.

The roll was called, and none were found absent without permission.

The minutes were read and adopted, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet again in triennial sessions, in the St. John's Reformed Church, at Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, on the first Wednesday after Whit-Sunday, May 19, A. D. 1875, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The General Synod, adjourning on Thursday, December 5, at eleven o'clock in the evening, closed its sessions with prayer, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, the Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JOHN H. KLEIN, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1872. SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Uncon- firmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Excommu- nicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevo- lent Con- tributions.
East Pennsylvania,	32	96	13,084	7,169	1,424	624	105	10,963		59	517	108	2,926	\$6,825 77
Lebanon,	30	77	15,452	5,398	1,099	697	286	12,219	2	113	349	73	7,503	9,525 50
Zion,	22	78	9,097	5,540	795	415	147	7,422	12	96	336	89	5,015	4,315 00
Maryland,	25	52	7,408	4,826	623	386	176	6,571		102	396	44	4,205	10,005 10
North Carolina,	9	26	2,053	50	61	78	15	2,052		10	17	12	305	
Virginia,	24	24	1,682	522	78	59	11	1,531		10	20	10	594	643 95
Philadelphia,	32	34	7,298	3,360	1,167	514	279	6,179		237	413	38	4,759	7,720 97
Mercersburg,	30	66	6,111	4,726	384	307	138	5,567		120	185	55	3,828	6,030 06
Goshenhoppen,	22	62	9,955	4,181	758	474	108	8,646		64	364	50	2,136	3,173 47
New York,	10	6	1,057	187	311	75	24	857		2	41	6	675	39 00
Lancaster,	24	37	3,800	2,248	328	251	95	2,816		55	148	27	2,765	11,635 57
East Susquehanna,	22	82	7,095	3,872	633	326	137	5,668	1	32	226	62	3,334	1,774 83
West Susquehanna,	18	56	4,057	2,727	403	309	75	3,327		21	103	29	1,821	1,673 60
Total, 13 Classes.	285	690	88,149	44,798	8,064	4,515	1,596	73,818	5	912	3,145	503	39,866	\$63,362 76
SYNOD OF OHIO.														
Miami,	30	66	5,678	2,688	454	299	201	4,800	178	88	151	51	4,300	\$2,720 24
Lancaster,	14	34	2,185	1,273	202	212	100	1,856	20	24	57	20	1,497	1,070 84
Tuscarawas,	15	54	2,583	1,192	121	132	114	2,341	4	57	38	31	1,387	883 14
Tiffin,	13	28	1,810	1,024	156	102	94	1,533	37	11	37	18	1,194	1,075 86
St. John's,	14	37	3,725	2,087	473	375	102	3,187	5	10	167	25	1,684	1,076 55
Illinois,	14	33	985	910	110	90	70	811	4	5	16	20	790	286 13
Iowa,	15	27	1,183	904	131	70	71	1,007	8	24	19	18	740	723 00
Eastern Ohio,	11	26	2,388	1,287	236	170	45	1,926		14	81	19	1,171	487 35
Total, 8 Classes.	126	302	20,537	11,365	1,883	1,470	797	17,461	256	233	566	202	13,309	\$8,323 11

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1872.

NORTHWESTERN SYNOD.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congrega- tions.	Members.	Uncon- firmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Excommu- nicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benewo- lent Con- tributions.
Erie,	12	18	1,481	1,256	174	90	94	1,075	6	25	42	14		\$994 75
Heidelberg,	18	33	2,376	1,926	257	170	156	1,865	7	13	49	26		969 43
Indiana,	23	37	2,119	2,067	368	171	146	2,195	11	19	104	25		718 13
St. Joseph,	26	56	2,897	1,689	379	208	147	2,331	25	45	117	24		694 87
Milwaukee,	12	18	1,131	812	239	135	63	1,373	2	30	49	11		321 46
Minnesota,	9	10	329	419	83	14	18	243	5	17	15	10		225 72
Sheboygan,	17	16	1,271	988	110	108	72	988		29	28	14		1,105 35
Total, 7 Classes.	117	188	11,604	9,157	1,610	896	696	10,070	56	178	404	124	4,500	\$5,029 71
PITTSBURG SYNOD.														
Clarion,	8	32	2,149	1,261	187	105	37	1,570		36	57	22	1,023	\$1,561 36
St. Paul's,	11	18	1,605	1,193	109	68	37	1,205		22	51	16	926	962 14
Allegheny,	16	15	1,205	954	104	104	58	1,181	1	12	26	11	802	2,281 82
Westmoreland,	9	22	1,978	1,917	221	100	38	1,761		24	81	16	1,187	1,536 73
Somerset,	8	33	2,138	1,847	187	131	108	1,753		37	44	17	787	3,100 73
West New York,	6	12	934	796	122	73	2	688			48	10	638	493 22
Total, 6 Classes.	58	132	10,909	7,968	930	581	280	8,158	1	131	310	92	5,363	9,936 00

CONDENSED TRIENNIAL SUMMARY.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communion.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	School Scholars.	Beneficent Contributions.
Eastern, 1870,	13	274	643	83,289	45,087	8,882	5,102	1,812	67,821	10	1,156	3,224	611	34,110	\$66,901 60
" 1871,	13	279	659	86,879	43,797	8,818	5,207	1,731	71,133	28	980	2,992	582	37,435	45,361 29
" 1872,	13	285	690	88,149	44,798	8,964	4,515	1,596	73,818	5	912	3,145	603	39,866	63,362 76
Summation,	13	285	690	88,149	44,798	25,764	14,824	5,139	73,818	43	3,918	9,361	603	39,866	\$175,825 65
Ohio, 1870,	8	126	278	17,847	9,725	1,765	968	648	16,013	*114	251	453	177	10,081	\$11,119 98
" 1871,	8	128	294	19,791	10,941	1,892	1,751	613	17,183	*135	200	434	184	11,740	7,237 08
" 1872,	9	126	302	20,537	11,365	1,883	1,470	797	17,461	*256	233	566	202	13,309	8,323 11
Summation,	9	126	302	20,537	11,365	5,540	4,192	2,058	17,461	505	684	1,453	202	13,309	\$26,700 17
Northwestern, 1870,	7	97	165	10,337	6,734	1,286	763	671	8,552	65	309	314	95		\$9,954 35
" 1871,	7	108	177	11,222	9,006	1,450	794	532	9,167	52	181	299	120		5,810 46
" 1872,	7	117	183	11,604	9,457	1,610	896	696	10,070	56	178	404	121	4,500	5,029 71
Summation,	7	117	183	11,604	9,157	1,346	2,453	1,899	10,070	173	668	1,017	121	4,500	\$20,824 52
Pittsburg, 1870,	4	50	128	9,841	8,110	1,019	545	277	7,773		108	245	80	4,935	\$6,043 97
" 1871,	4	52	131	9,751	7,632	1,006	652	236	8,065		123	228	89	5,103	8,056 19
" 1872,	6	58	132	10,009	7,968	930	581	280	8,158	1	131	310	92	5,363	9,936 00
Summation,	6	58	132	10,009	7,968	2,955	1,778	793	8,158	1	362	763	92	5,363	\$21,036 16
Grand Total. Synods, 4	35	586	1,312	130,299	73,288	38,005	23,247	9,889	109,507	722	4,762	12,594	1,021	63,038	\$247,386 50

*This includes names erased from the Church Roll.

†Estimated number.

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